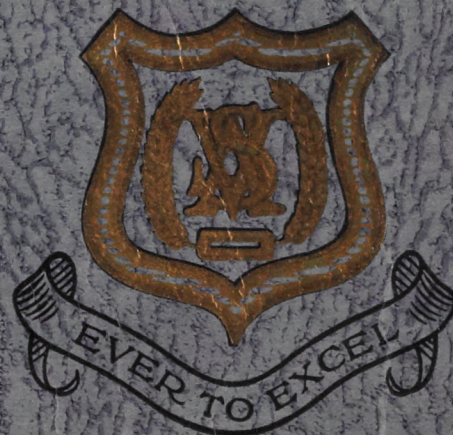
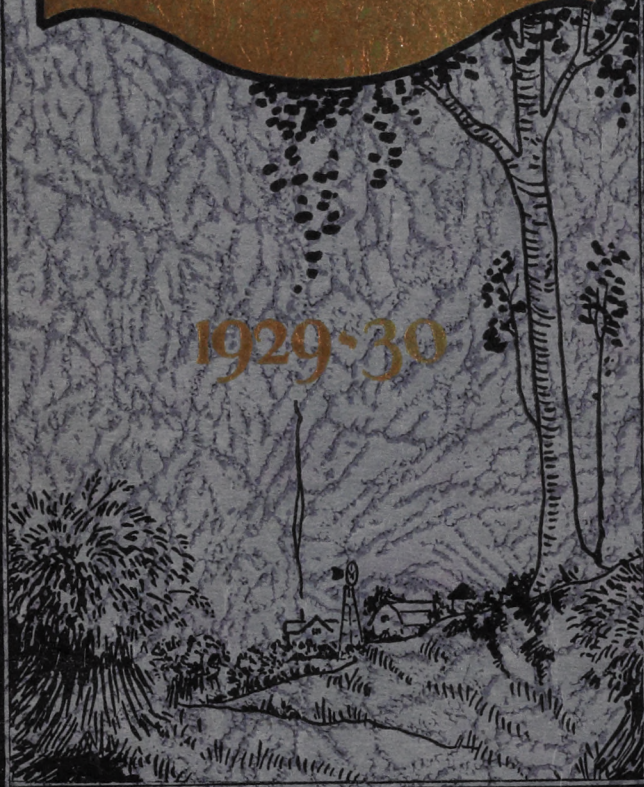


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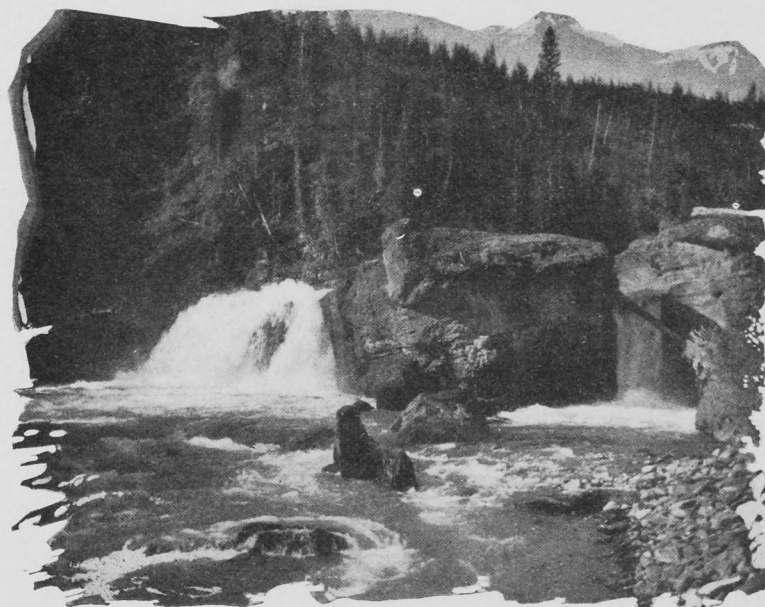
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H. A. CRAIG

FOREWORD

I AM pleased to have the opportunity of bringing greetings to the students attending the Vermilion School of Agriculture. The facilities offered by the new dormitory have enabled the School to do a type of work which has hitherto been impossible. The many advantages of residential life will now be apparent to the students at large. Associations will have been formed and influences brought to bear which will make a lasting impression on the minds of all students.

Leadership in various branches of agricultural activity were never in greater demand than it is at the present time. Those who are trained to think clearly and who can arrive at sound conclusions, based on a thorough study of any particular problem, will find plenty of scope for their energy and ambition. The responsibilities, along various lines, which have been recently assumed by agricultural producers, require men and women of experience and ability to fill places in many of the organizations, which are the natural outcome of these new agricultural developments.

If agricultural research is to keep pace with the advance of investigational work in other fields of industry, there must be available an increasing number of our rural young men and young women whose natural aptitude along this line is supplemented by a thorough training in practical and scientific agriculture.

Of still greater importance is the necessity for young people who have been raised on farms, and who are willing through a course of study at one of the Schools of Agriculture, to equip themselves properly for the important work of home-making and farming. In such occupation, the great majority of the rural people of the Province will find their opportunity for making their greatest contribution to their day and generation. As a result of the training they have received at the Schools of Agriculture, it is our confident expectation that those who have been privileged to attend these institutions will live happier, fuller and more useful lives than would otherwise have been possible, and that they will be better fitted to take their part in promoting the best interests of their own communities and the Province of Alberta as a whole.

H. A. CRAIG,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

MY "ALMA MATER" By "The Principal"

WITH the gathering of the material for the V.S.A. annual, we are reminded that the 1929-1930 term is rapidly drawing to a close.

Much that is of interest has happened during the past winter. Our attendance is greater than any previous year, this in spite of the fact that a considerable portion of the Vermilion School territory had adverse crop conditions. One hundred and seventy-seven students were registered in the Household Science and Agriculture courses. Thus, the V.S.A. attendance has increased steadily, year by year, since the School was re-opened for Canadian students.

An outstanding feature, this term, is the large attendance in the Second or Diploma year. There are a total of 51, made up of 13 girls and 38 boys—an increase of five over the class of last year, which was the record class up to that time. There is also a considerable increase in the third year. Thirteen in all are taking the Matriculation course, which will continue until early in May.

Again the students have enjoyed life in the dormitory. It is a wonderful privilege to spend a winter or two with one's fellow students under the one roof, in the same class rooms, shops and laboratories, attending the well planned social functions, and competing in the various indoor and outdoor inter-class games. Students thus form associations that are carried with them into after life, and that will be cherished as long as memory lasts.

When the students arrive in the fall, those who are returning for a second year greet classmates in the warmest spirit. To those who are entering the School halls for the first time, all is strange. With many it is the first time away from home. All faces are new and the student feels more or less lost. However, this only lasts for a very short time, for where there is young, buoyant life it will find expression. New friends are made quickly. Room-mates are found who are real pals,

and the School settles down to a well organized, well supervised and happy big family life. The joys and experiences of study under dormitory conditions are of untold value to every student who attends.

It is well, we think, that students should pause sometimes and ask why the government of this young province should provide so liberally in the way of educational facilities for the young men and women from the farm.

If we will look about us we will see gigantic enterprises that are springing up and that concern the farmers of this and neighboring provinces very particularly. These large undertakings are the result of the awakening of a spirit that has been dormant for centuries. This spirit is casting off old customs and ways and is establishing for itself the right to think and act for itself. There is no well-beaten path to follow. The way must be found through a careful study of the past and through as intelligent a forecast of the future as possible. To do this, the enterprises are going to require the consecrated lives of the best men and women to be found in the land.

Is it not reasonable to hope that if the province gives liberally to you, as a young man or as a young woman, of those things that will brighten, enrich and improve your life, that you in your turn will contribute of yourself and your ability to strengthen the hands of those who are carrying the heavy load today? The province expects you to help, and the opportunities at the V.S.A. constitute a part of the faith she is placing in you. Will that faith be misplaced? We believe that it will not be misplaced, and expect that the V.S.A. students will reflect glory on their "Alma Mater" by returning to the province, in full measure, such services as will help to place the social and economic life of the people on a basis where justice may be done to all citizens.

W. J. ELLIOTT, Principal.



EDITORIAL

In presenting this, our annual Yearbook, we have been motivated by a desire to present a suitable souvenir for the students of this term, as well as to record, for the benefit of those who have previously passed through the Vermilion School of Agriculture, something of the progress that has been made by the School. With these objects in view, we have endeavored to publish a book that is not an altogether serious review of events, nor yet a comic paper, but rather a simple account in words and pictures of the outstanding events of the past year.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the 1929-1930 session has been the growth of a real "college" spirit; this has been fostered by the excellent facilities offered by the dormitory and the presence of the Third Year or Matriculation Class, the members of which have previously had the regular two years under the influence of the School.

The necessary daily contact and the numerous talks and discussions among groups in rooms and corridors, have made the students, among other things, more tolerant of the views and opinions of others, and have added to the richness of the experience gained by the young women and the young men who have been so fortunate as to spend some time in contact with the life of the institution.

The formation of the Students' Council has proved to be a step forward, the constitution being drawn up by joint committees from the staff and students. The chief aim of this Council has been to maintain a proper balance between the work of all subsidiary committees and to assist in any way possible in eliminating minor disputes and in the establishment of complete harmony throughout the term.

The activities of the past session are too numerous to be recounted in detail in this editorial and, indeed, such is not necessary as all activities are portrayed in one fashion or another, in the succeeding pages of this annual. Suffice it to say that the activities have been so arranged as to make for a pleasant time and to allow for the greatest available amount of training to the student body at large, having in mind their future potentialities of leadership as they go back to their own communities to take up the task of living.

Upon leaving the School, we must not forget our Alma Mater. The most tangible way in which we can keep our experience fresh in our minds is to join the Alumni Association and to support it wholeheartedly; the aims and objects of this Association are set forth elsewhere in the Yearbook and your attention is particularly directed to the announcement. Let us bear in mind that the Alumni is just what we, as individuals, make it; let us carry on the excellent traditions so far established by the Vermilion School of Agriculture by helping, in word and deed, the attendance of the future. Let us remember, too, that the School motto, "Ever to Excel," should be ours after we have discontinued our direct contact with the institution as well as while we have been students within its halls.

Looking back over the history of the School since its inception in 1913, one is struck with the increasing place it is taking in the rural life of the Province. Graduates are practising the principles of better farming throughout its vast extent and young ladies, who have had the advantages of the training, are making better homes and happier homes on account of their wider experience.

The great and growing problems that are constantly facing the farmers of Alberta demand that not only the best brains of the Province be brought to bear on the solution to them, but that our young people must be trained so that they may be conversant with the needs of the Province, if she is to acquire and maintain her rightful place in the Dominion of Canada.

The time is coming when all the farmers on the western plains will of necessity be trained agriculturists. It will be the duty of the Schools of Agriculture to supply a large measure of such training and a solemn duty rests on the graduates of the Schools; we must prove to the people of the Province that we have received beneficial training, that we have become better farmers and better homemakers, that we have become better citizens by virtue of the training that has done so much to shape our lives and tone our experience.

If we submit the visible proof of the acquisition of practical knowledge we shall have done our duty to our Alma Mater, our Province, and to ourselves.

ARNOLD PLATT, 1930.





AND THEN WHAT?

A SKETCH, by BARBARA VILLY CORMACK

IT was all over

Mary leaned her head back, and put up her feet, as the train lumbered joltingly along. She was going back home. And she meant that "back" part of it, too—for after two winters at the School of Agriculture she had learned how "backwoodsy" home really was.

Now that the rest of the gang had left the train and gone their various ways, that noisy, excited bunch of sing-songsters, she had time to realize that it was all over. Some of the tunes at the big closing dance last night were still echoing through her head. She still breathed the scent of the lavender sachet that had lain with her new evening dress, and she could see a misty vision of the gym. in the glow of soft colored lights. How strange to think that there would be no more dances like that, and no more classes, no more exams., no more labs. Stranger still, the ending of a host of other little unimportant details, dear chiefly for their very familiarity—the tearing in and out of one another's bedrooms, to borrow, lend, or tell something; the chaffing and joking of the other girls waiting on the stairs for the dining room to open; the clatter of chairs and cups as they all sat down to a meal; the same bunch waiting in the rotunda for the mail; shouting merrily to each other on the rink; playing the odd game of basketball.

Mary's eyes grew misty. Oh, but it was hard to leave it all. There was nothing for it, though. There were no possibilities of a third winter, and even if there were it would be Jim's turn next. And even the Kid Sister had begun to grumble—wasn't going to wash separators all her life, or break-in calves, etc.—just the same line of talk that Mary herself had taken up about two years ago.

No, she was going back home. And then what? After the first excitement of seeing the folks, and their admiration of her self-made glories in the dressmaking line, her special prize for sewing, her carefully kept note-books, and her permanent wave, —it would all be as it was before. The same chores, the very self-same round. Even tonight she would get out her new apron and fry the potatoes for supper, wash the dishes on the stove, trim the lamp wick, and probably set bread, seeing it was Thursday. In the kitchen, there would likely be an odd lamb or pig, to be raised by hand, and possibly boxes of cabbage plants. In town, men would be discussing how soon they could get on the land. The self-same round, from beginning to end.

There must surely be something more to life than this. There had been moments during the last two winters, moments in a big assembly, in a game, or after a specially good Lit., when she had longed to do herself something grand and noble, to give up part of herself to making something better and finer. You couldn't do that farming. She had even mentioned something of the kind once to Jack—Jack, that ever permanent, who had hung around steadily for years back, both at home and at school, and who had said goodbye gaily yesterday, with the words "See you Sunday," just as if neither of them had ever been away from home at all.

Jack had better watch out, though. There had ben other

boys at college,—and she wasn't going to get tied up to another life of washing separators, fetching cows, feeding chickens, etc. If he was really seriously thinking of getting a job, elevator agent, or something, it was all right, but she had no time for a man that was going to waste his life fooling round a farm. No, sir, not now, when she had seen something better!

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When she picked up her suitcase and got out, there was Dad on the platform to meet her, Dad and Jim, all smiles and welcomes. "Gee, kid," thus the brotherly greeting, "you sure do look like a fashion paper!"

They drove home with sleighs and the box, for the car was not yet running. The box squeaked and growled as it slid over the well-worn trail, and everywhere were muddy pools of swiftly melting snow. "Best get the wheels out tomorrow, Jim," said Dad. It was the end of winter's long siege.

Mary found herself anxiously waiting for all of the road's familiar landmarks, and watching the spots most likely to be bare of snow. "Going to put a culvert here this year? I see they've filled in the hole at the corner since Christmas. When d'you figure to be on the land, Dad?"

It was the same when they got home. Everything was so dear and familiar that she simply couldn't ask enough questions, even about the tiny cabbage plants that were already showing at the window. "How many pigs are there?" "Has Clover had her calf yet?" "How's Belle's foal wintered?" and so on. The Kid Sister had shrieked with admiration at the "permanent," and the Frenchified hat, but now that she was here it really didn't seem to matter so much.

After the bread was set and wrapped up for the night,—Mary had insisted on doing it herself,—she slipped outside alone. A cheery little robin was singing full-throated into the last gleams of the setting sun, and the air was filled with the warm breath of coming springtime. The robin stopped, and there followed that deep, soft silence that the country alone can give. Mary caught her breath. How lovely it was, all of it,—the peacefulness, and the dear homeliness of the buildings silhouetted against the sky. College days, dances, dormitory and all, seemed to be slipping away into the realm of dreamland. This, after all, was real. "And I belong," she told herself, solemnly.

She went indoors again with shining eyes. "My, it's good to be home again," she said. Mother looked up from her mending, and smiled. "Guess it'll seem a bit quiet at first," she answered.

But, funnily enough, it didn't. There was so much to do; so much to see, that the fresh spring days were full to overflowing. Clover's calf took such a time to feed; they had just killed a pig, so there was lots going on in the kitchen; and there were all the seed catalogues waiting for attention. Oh, just lots to do.

Sunday morning came Jack,—just as familiar as everything else. He found her clad in overalls forking hay into the mangers.

"Didn't make those clothes in sewing class, did you?" he asked. She laughed, and tossed a forkful of hay over him.

"Doesn't it seem a long while ago,—all that?" she asked him in return.

They were rather a silent pair for a while, till Jack managed to get something off his chest.

"Say, kid,—I know the way you feel about it, but I thought

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The Matriculation Class in 1945

By B. F. Kiernan

THE train thundered up to the station and stopped with a clatter, while from the coaches emerged dignified ladies and important looking men. Several cars were drawn up at the platform, the license numbers 166, 172 and 154 indicating that they were government vehicles and their appearance being mute tribute to the fact that they had long since outlived their days of beauty, although they still appeared to be capable of operation.

Principal Elliott, of the V.S.A., partially disguised by a neat grey goatee, was on hand to greet the newcomers who were former students of the "College," come back to attend the biggest and best re-union, in the summer of 1945. The first lady to appear was the former Eva Wilson, the most outstanding lady member of the 1929-30 Matriculation class. After being warmly greeted by the Principal, she brought the regrets of Hector McQuarrie, who she had met a week previously when he told her it would not be possible for him to attend the re-union owing to it being necessary for him to return to his farm in the south of Alberta, where his interests had so enlarged as to demand very close personal supervision.

Eva introduced her husband and then laughingly called over Frank Mead, who had grown so fat that he was hardly recognizable as the man who had successfully defended the V.S.A. net in so many exciting hockey games, away back in 1928-29 and 1930. Frank explained that it was necessary for him to hasten back to the East where he was making plans for the purchase of a hockey aggregation that would step into the limelight during the coming winter.

A Christie "stiff," a pair of horn-rimmed glasses and an enormous note-book preceded Byron F. Kiernan into the picture, and even while engaged in renewing old acquaintances, he was busy jotting down interesting bits of news for his paper, the *Auburndale Times*.

A short, stocky, sun-burnt man, having the appearance of all out-of-doors, approached with hand outstretched and a welcome on his lips. It was none other than Robert H., formerly Bob Johnston, who had managed to slip from his office in the Parliament Buildings, where he held down the portfolio of Minister of Public Works, to journey to Vermilion to say "Hello" to the friends of former days. He was accompanied by his wife, whom we used to know as a gem of a girl.

Lo and behold, a parson! Who can it be? A grave smile revealed traces of John Clifton who had, after farming for two or three years on conclusion of his course in 1929 and 1930, decided that there were other things in life besides making two stems of wheat grow where one had grown before, and had forsaken the rolling prairies for the seclusion of the college, there to pursue, with all his old diligence, the study of the higher things of life.

As dapper as ever, Norman Martyn stepped up to the gathering and acknowledged their greetings; to assist in the celebration of the happy occasion of the re-union, he had shipped in several crates of chickens from his poultry plant in the foothills and assured the members of his former class that "they had never tasted anything like Martyn's broilers." Success in his chosen work seemed to make Norman even more amiable than



MATRICULATION CLASS

Standing—D. Falkins, W. Ross, R. Johnston, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Baker, H. Hamilton, J. Clifton,
Seated—B. Kiernan, H. McQuarrie, A. Platt, Miss E. Wilson, E. Barber, F. Mead.
On Floor—N. Martyn, V. Durda.

ever and he recounted interesting anecdotes of the early days in chickens, when coyotes took their toll without a "thank you."

Tall and dignified, a comparative stranger approached; his upper lip hidden by a nifty mustache, it was difficult to recognize Harry Hamilton, who had snatched a few brief hours from his lecturing at the University of Alberta, to be present once again with those who used to constitute the "gang," but who now referred to themselves as members of the Alumni Association. Even the amusing experiences of pioneer alley failed to bring more than a fleeting smile to the austere countenance that could be imagined frowning on thoughtless students in the Varsity halls, even as it used to when Harry was acting as houseman on the top floor, fifteen years ago.

Satchel in hand, there approached now Dr. Donald Falkins, who had only recently returned from Vienna after a period of intensive medical training. Glad to be back again in the haunts of his youth, the Doctor beamed as in days gone by and blushing drew forward his bride of but a few weeks, one who had made a warm place in the affection of the College in 1927-28, and who afterwards was known to minister to the sick in the University Hospital.

As the crowd dispersed and entered the cars, en route to the old campus, a Hudson Super-Six drew rapidly up to the station and out stepped William A., ex-Bill Ross, accompanied by Arnold Platt. Bill, on his way from Beaverlodge, where he was Superin-

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The Country Flower Garden

By AN AMATEUR GARDENER

ESCHOLTZIA. Horrors!" Plant a few flowers, beautify the farm garden; take advantage of the interest that even a small patch of ordinary flowers will give the tired housewife." All these things we hear from the first of March until the middle of summer, and then someone suggests that a few Escholtzia, a bed of dimorphotheca or a corner filled with the retiring gypsophila will present a pleasing sight for weary eyes.

Always desiring a flower garden, the writer was for years scared off the proposition by the sound of the names of some flowers that were supposed to provide a maximum of beauty with a minimum cost in time and labor . . . happily discovering that gypsophila was nothing more nor less than the dainty flower known to gardeners the world over as Baby's Breath, and that dimorphotheca was something or other for the everyday variety of orange African daisies; the field of gardening then did not seem so far removed from the limited accomplishment of one who possessed no training along horticultural lines.

Finally, raising a degree of courage, a letter was despatched to the seed house ordering some seed that would grow plants of equal beauty and size to that depicted on the cover of the catalogue, and in due course the seed arrived, together with a handy little manual with free advice on the preparation of the seed bed, methods of cultivation, the correct distances in which to space the plants, etc. The amateur who finally managed to produce a fairly good garden passes on to you in this article a few hints that have been gleaned from an experience that contained many disheartening failures and which finally resulted in a tiny plot of flowering beauty about the house. No Latin names are given, no intricate directions, and no attempt is made to expound horticultural theories that seem, at best, to merely place a barrier in the way of the amateur who wishes for nothing but a succession of color in the little home garden in the country.

The use of shallow flat boxes for the planting of seeds indoors and from which the plants are later transplanted into the garden, is not always practicable and although this method is considered necessary by those who are learned in the practice of horticulture, the writer has found, from experience, in Alberta, that most seeds may be sown directly out-of-doors in May and will produce flowers that will rival in beauty any that grace the more elaborate gardens that are conducted on "educated" lines.

With all seeds it is necessary to prepare the soil thoroughly, sow the seeds thinly and not too deeply and to cultivate the ground well during the entire growing season. It is fatal to sow the seed in ground that has not been well worked and the garden will prove a failure if the seeds are planted too far below the soil surface. The use of ordinary barnyard manure, well worked into the soil, is recommended and cultivation should be carried on so as to conserve moisture; excess watering from an artificial source is dangerous as it tends to produce a growth of surface roots in the plants instead of forcing the roots to go deeper and deeper into the earth in their search for the life-giving moisture. Plants should not be too close together owing to the danger of too many of them trying to collect a sufficiency of moisture where only a certain amount is present.

Sweet peas are a joy and a beauty during their long blooming season and have a decided advantage in the fact that the more the blooms are cut the greater the profusion of the display. The ground for sweet peas should be well dug to a depth of about eighteen inches, the trench being refilled with a mixture of the earth and well-rotted manure; this should be well watered and then packed firmly, the seeds being sown in the earlier weeks of May and being placed about two inches deep in the earth and three or four inches apart. No further watering should be undertaken until after the tiny plants have come through the earth and then plenty of water will hasten the growth.

The sweet peas should have a climbing device provided for them, small wooden poles or rods being suggested in preference to the chicken wire that is so often used and which has a tendency to cause the tendrils to burn when exposed to the burning sun of midsummer. The most common error in growing sweet peas by the amateur is allowing them to grow too thickly in the bed; the plants should not be closer together than six inches and although it seems something like a sacrilege to destroy the plants once they have started nicely, it will pay you to steel your heart and to eliminate overcrowding in the sweet pea row. Once the bloom has begun, the flowers should be cut daily and the gardener will be agreeably surprised to find the plants in full flower again with the passing of another sunrise.

Petunias may be classed by the expert as a rather common flower for the formal garden, but there is no flower known to the Amateur Writer that will given as good results in even mediocre soil, under dry conditions, and in almost any location. The seed may be sown out-of-doors in the middle of May and when the plants appear they should be thinned out and later transplanted to their permanent place in the bed; petunias grow about eighteen inches in height, do not require any support and will fill the garden with their beauty for weeks on end.

Asters do well in Alberta, and may be seen to advantage at any of the school fairs held in the province, as thousands of children grow them annually for exhibition; many of the children sow the seed directly in the garden, not using the flat boxes

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BIOGRAPHIES OF THE



(1) **MARION DIXON** is a product of the great open spaces back of Lesser Slave Lake, coming to V.S.A. from Grande Prairie to study the essentials of home-making. Her sunny smile and pleasant manner have won many friends. Her future in the teaching profession should be a bright one. As a member of the Social Committee and Yearbook staff, she has been of great assistance in the work of the student life. The only criticism we might offer would be the manner in which she annoyed her table mates, room mates and anyone else who happened to be near when she demanded more and more "Bacon."

(3) **ANNIE WALKER** hails from Lamont and is a sister of our former representative of the "Hospital Town," Ellen Walker, who graduated from V.S.A. and entered the nursing profession. Annie is much like her sister and has made a host of friends while at the School. Prominent in athletics, she won the championship for girls in her first year in all sports and has more recently shone as a basketball star. We hope to have her back for the Third Year and that she will then go to the University to complete her work in Household Economics.

(5) **HULDA JOHNSON** descended upon the School from the north and proceeded to take it by storm, along with practically all the available prizes in the first year girls' section. At last year's closing exercises, the name Huldah Johnson seemed to follow the announcement of many of the major prizes and her work during her second year has been productive of excellent results. Her future should reflect a good deal of credit on the Peace River country and on the V.S.A.



(2) **GEORGE COOPER**, another worthy representative of the Peace River country, entered the School in the fall of 1928, determined to extract all the education available—and has made a good job of it. Standing well in his classes, he has still had considerable time to devote to the Literary Committee, to sports and to quite occasional visits to the girls' wing.

(4) **GUS JOHNSON** is one of several two-in-one students, and has done splendid work. Coming from Hardisty in the fall of 1929 with a desire for more and better farming information as well as with a distinct leaning away from the girls' dormitory and its occupants, he has had pretty nearly one hundred percent of his time to devote to the somewhat more serious things of the college life, such as studies, athletics and committee work. His future will no doubt show the result of his application to his work.



(6) **MARK STEVENSON** came to us from Stony Plain and has been a fine student. He captured the scholarship given for highest standing in first year Carpentry and made an enviable record in other branches of the course. Mark is popular with his classmates and when he goes to his community to make his home his influence and quiet, steady judgment should be of great value to his neighbors. We expect, one day, to hear of him representing a constituency in the Provincial Legislature.



SENIOR CLASS, 1929-1930

(5) **EVELYN PEARCE** might best be described by Harry Hamilton of the third year, but knowing Harry's natural aversion to publicity, we will attempt to write this brief biography ourselves. Evelyn comes from Lamont and during her stay at the School she has served on the Literary Committee and has taken an active part in sports, principally basketball. It is rumored that she will put her home economics practice into immediate use, but this is not for publication.

(3) **HELEN TRISKA** represents Vegreville and represents it exceedingly well; she has been a consistently good student and has made a very fine place for herself in the esteem of staff and students alike. As Captain of the "Terriers," she excelled on the basketball floor. Helen has a splendid future in store for her and will make her mark in whatever she may choose as her life work. Her favorite pastime is sewing and her skill has won her a life membership in the esteem of Miss Shaw.

(1) **EMILY ROWSWELL**, erstwhile resident of North Edmonton, has been a familiar figure around the School since October, 1928 and has made friends with all—girls and boys alike. Her natural kindness forbade her excluding the boys from her friendship lists although it is rumored she has no great liking for them. Always is ready with a smile except when the word "chemistry" is mentioned. She has had a good deal of fun out of life and has managed, also, to tuck away some knowledge in the matter of keeping a home that will stand her in good stead in the future.



(6) **ROSS BACON**, also a two-in-one student, makes his home in the Edmonton district and besides getting a good deal of useful information at V.S.A. it seems as if he might secure a life partner as well—at least there are several applications and he is considering, seriously, the awarding of the contract. Two guesses are allowed as to the name of the successful bidder; perhaps a study of the dancing floor on the "last night" will give some slight indication as to the lucky one. Ross has given considerable time to the Yearbook

Committee. He might be classed as an outstanding student and one who will make the name "Bacon" familiar to many others than Burns and Swifts.

(4) **FREDERICK CLARK** came from England in the spring of 1929 and after a month spent at the V.S.A. went to the farm of Mr. Clyde Gillies, at Clover Bar, where he spent the summer and fall months in carrying on general farm work. Having the equivalent of Grade XI standing, he came to V.S.A. in the fall and undertook the two-in-one course, of which he has made a decided success. His weakness is turning out of bed before the window is shut on frosty mornings.

(2) **HAROLD CHIVERS**, commonly known as "Shivers," in spite of his ever-present smile, came from Ryley, where his parents operate a large farm. Has a decided aversion to blacksmithing which is said to be owing to Annie's dislike of soiled clothes. Harold plans on returning for his third year with a view to taking University work, and the best wishes of the students and staff go with him as he leaves on his trek "back to the farm."





(1) **CLINTON JOHNSON** first saw the light of day at Wheelock, N. Dak., moving to Mannville with his parents, eleven years later. He blew into Vermilion to enlarge his knowledge and, incidentally, to get what fun he could from mingling with the boys and girls at the V.S.A. Centering his interests particularly in the Versatile Club and in the Radio Committee, he gave much of his time and energy to each, allowing some time also for entanglements with residents of the East Wing. He is a prospective third year student and plans eventually on entering University for still further training.



(2) **ANNIE LINDSAY** remained true to her Scotch blood when she chose Innisfree as the place in which her home has been made. She came to the School to work and until recently has done very well at it. Outside interests have lately taken up some of her attention and she has been seen "Chivering" on the steps of the wing on many cold Alberta nights. Her nimble fingers caused her to stand high in the sewing and millinery classes and at cooking she has been an example of diligence. Our best wishes go with her as she leaves the School to take up the serious business of home-making.



(3) **WALTER DURDA** hails from the Peace River country, where they grow the Wheat Kings, and no doubt we will find him, in the future, endeavoring to emulate the example of Herman Trelle in producing and exhibiting high-class wheat. Walter was chosen Captain of one of the basketball teams in the House League and his work on the gym. floor has won much favorable comment.



(4) **STANLEY JOHNSON**, otherwise known as Sampson, has been seen and heard to advantage on the small end of a megaphone and has taken part in almost all the amateur theatricals that have taken place in the School. Chosen as Coach for the Debating Team, he gave fine service to the participants. Sampson, with his red-green-blue-yellow-black-white-etc. blazer, will be seen in the future proceeding across a field, somewhere in Alberta, closely followed by a bull that appears to be rawther upset. All members of the Alumni are asked to assist him by giving eight or nine of the College yells, in the hope of distracting the attention of said bull.



(5) **WILLIAM FRAUENFELD** packed his suitcase and headed for the early morning train on October 30th, 1928, and arrived at Vermilion some time later to marvel at the curious collection of buildings up on the hill. On closer examination he found much to his liking, especially in the shops, and proceeded to take off his coat and settle down to work. As time goes on, Bill will be able to effect his own repairs in his own shop and will be able to operate his tractor at a high rate of efficiency, provided the aptitude he has shown for practical work at V.S.A. is carried into his everyday life.



(6) **DOUGALL RODDICK** joined the two-in-one class by virtue of his Grade XI standing, and has made good progress in his work. He has been most enthusiastic in his live stock and shop work and has taken an active part in the less practical things as well. In the recent masquerade an Indian appeared and moved stoically around the gym., All wondered who the Redskin could be, so far away from the Reserve. Lo and behold, when unmasking time came, friend Dougall appeared from beneath the red paint.

(5) **GORDON PICKARD** comes from Wetaskiwin, where his father is engaged on large-scale cattle operations. Pick has spent a good deal of time in the show ring and consequently has been a very good judge of stock in the pavilion. He has no outstanding vices, except watching the happenings through the window of the class-room instead of working and we will look for him in the future when we attend the large stock shows at Edmonton, Calgary, and the V. S. A. Royal.

(3) **BRUCE ROBERTSON** boasts the Peace River country as his home and stoutly maintains that it is the real "top of the world." Bruce has excelled at basketball, making a place for himself on a team composed of heavier men and which, it is believed, could render a very satisfactory account of itself against teams from the larger centres. Bruce is a farmer, first and last, and will follow this line of work in his chosen section of the province. Our good wishes go with him.

(1) **RICHARD DAELEY** has been with us for only the one year, entering the two-in-one course in the fall and, we hope, completing it in the early part of April. Dick has been of invaluable assistance in the Orchestra with his clarinet, and has also been invaluable to a young lady from Islay; fortunately Streamstown and Islay are within easy walking distance and so we can imagine him on summer evenings tramping the highway on the way to get his favorite Marcelle.



(6) **HELEN FRAUENFELD** is a product of the Bruderheim district and is a credit to it. She is most likeable in her own quiet way and her studies have received the major portion of her attention during her two years at the School. Excelling in sewing, she captured the sewing prize in 1929 and will be able to manufacture her own clothing when she has a home of her own. Her favorite saying is, "Oh, don't ask me," and her favorite indoor sport is studying.

(4) **ALMA ROY** had only 35 miles to come to us from Innisfree and apparently has enjoyed her stay, picking up some useful bits of education, here and there, along the way. Quiet and unassuming, she has pursued her work with diligence and has made the whole student body her friends. As she goes out into the world to make her place, she will have the kindly regards of all who have known her.

(2) **OLIVE HOWE**, Rivercourse, Alberta, will find a young lady of the senior class who has made an enviable record for herself during the two years she has been with us. She has a particular ability on the debating platform and in dramatics and has been seen to good advantage in the plays of the year, under the capable direction of Mrs. Horning. Probably she will find her place in the talkies, now that the screen has ceased to be silent and allows opportunity for really good acting.





(1) **EDWARD SWINDLEHURST** shouldered his trusty violin and came to the College from Edgerton to increase his sadly lacking knowledge of entomology and blacksmithing; along with succeeding in mastering these too great subjects, he has contributed much to the life of the School. Interested chiefly in music and the arts, he has served most acceptably as Orchestra Leader and Chairman of the Versatile Club. Winning the award for highest proficiency in the entire First Year, he has continued his successful acquisition of knowledge during his second term and will be a welcome addition to the Matriculation Class when we re-assemble in October of 1930. His experience on the Students' Council will be useful.

(3) **BARRIE SMITH** drove in from Mannville, in the fall of 1928 to see what it was all about. After looking the ground over and seeing all the pretty East Wing students, he decided that this was the exact place he was looking for. Throwing his baggage down, he went to work and to play with like enthusiasm, and succeeded in turning in a good record for himself in his classes and in piling up a lot of fun besides. He is our delegation as a double of the Prince of Wales, by which name he has frequently been known. Sampson Johnson went so far as to ask him for his autograph.

(5) **PERCY HENLEY** is engaged in farming with his father at North Edmonton, taking the course at V.S.A. with the view of improving his knowledge and eventually going on to the University. As a member of the "Ruf-neks" basketball team, he has shown to advantage on the floor and has lately taken up hockey as an additional pastime. We hope to welcome him back for the third year in the fall, and in the meantime hope he has a good crop so that mere financial worries will not stand in the way of more "larnin'!"



(2) **JENNIE EDGSON** is from Westlock, and on completion of her two years' work at the School, she cannot but exert an influence for good in her district. Being twin sister to Fanny has provided her with a very effective source of enjoyment, Wallie, in his weekly (?) visits often becoming confused between the two sisters,—with a consequently large opportunity for embarrassment. Jennie has been a good student and has absorbed dietetics and textiles in an amazing fashion. Her spare time, spent in skating and in the gym., have been utilized to good advantage and her time has not all been used for plugging.



(4) **FANNY EDGSON**, in addition to being sister of Jennie, is also a twin, being of a quite similar age. Fanny and Jennie have run pretty close in exam. results, the former having won one of the \$50 Scholarships in her first year by a very narrow margin. Generally popular with all about the School, Fanny has carved her little niche and will go down in our memories as one of the able students of our time. Charlie will doubtless remember her and make occasional trips to Westlock in times to come.



(6) **OLGA MELNYK** shook the dust of Star from her feet to enter College and obtain first-hand information as to how to cook good meals for a man, sew on buttons and darn socks and render first aid. With all the information gathering, she has managed to take part in deliberation of the Athletic Committee, and plays a good brand of basketball. She has the happy knack of making the youth of the court sit up and take notice and has several conquests to her credit in Vermilion.

(5) **HAROLD JOHNSON**—it seems we will never be done extolling the virtues of the Johnsons—but we must not overlook the fact that Harold of Hardisty has claim to a share of our ink. Considered a very solid student, he has done well with his work and has managed to escape the wiles of the “other side” of the dorm. until the last few weeks. We fear if the term were much longer that such trivialities as chemistry and botany might suffer, while woodworking, especially as a Turner, might receive more than the necessary attention.

(3) **GEORGE HORNER** claims Ould Oireland as his home, but left it many years ago to tour the world as an operator on board ship. His experience in radio work was responsible for his being placed on the Committee for the purchase and care of a Deforest-Crossley combination Radio and Gramophone and he has taken an active part in almost all the student agencies that tended to develop the lives of those concerned. Likeable to a high degree, he has made many staunch friends who will watch his progress through life with interest. It is rumored that he goes to the United States to a good position at the close of the term and our loss will be the gain of the Republic.

(1) **RUPERT FEARNLEY** came over from England when he was but 6 months old, settling down at Gibbons, after having given the province the once-over. Being somewhat shy and retiring, he has not spent much time visiting the Girls’ Wing, but has centered his attention, curiously enough, on such work as he has been called on to perform. He has assisted in publishing “Radio,” and collects rare and curious stamps. His pet aversion is anything having to do with a cow. His chief liking is driving a tractor



(6) **ROY BENDIXEN**, of Marwayne, Alta., the boy with the permanent wave, is the envy of all the young ladies because he can keep his hair “in curl” without well regulated trips to hairdressers. Even on the gymnasium floor, in the heat of a basketball scramble, the wave remains exactly correct. When perplexed, over chemistry that seemed to have no solution, he would run his fingers through his hair and even then it would gently assume its wonted beauty. Roy is a good scout, liked

by girls as well as by boys.

(4) **GEORGE CLAY** pulled up in front of the dormitory in a high-powered car, threw out his ordinary baggage and later emerged with a banjo carefully tucked under his arm. To say the least, he has greatly contributed to the success of all parties through his musical ability, and even if he could not turn out to a Saturday morning class, after such parties, he managed to scrape up a speaking acquaintance with all subjects in the curriculum. Paradise Valley is his home and we wonder that the harp, and not the banjo, was not his choice of musical instruments.

(2) **CLARENCE CRANSTON** blew into the scheme of things at V.S.A. with a craving for playing stellar hockey to the delight of the fans on the side-boards, and partially achieved his aim. Being long-geared, he has been able to hold his place in athletics and has shown up well in classes that had to do with the practical things, such as carpentry and blacksmithing. His quiet disposition won him many friends who will wish him the best of luck as he takes up the business of farming when he leaves the School.



(1) **WESLEY PLUMMER** left London, Eng., in the spring of 1929, to take a month's course in practical farm work at V.S.A. On his arrival at Vermilion, his eyes were dazzled by the bright lights and the streams of traffic; putting in the summer on a farm, he returned to the College in October to enter the course, taking the two years in one on account of having Grade XI standing. He has delighted audiences with his pleasing voice, has contributed valuable service to the Radio Broadcasting Committee and has, generally, made his influence felt. We prophesy a bright future for him in the province of his adoption.



(2) **WILLIAM MANDZUK** arrived in the fall of 1927, unable to speak much English but more than willing to learn it. His progress has been one of the high lights of the work of the School since his entrance and he has mastered the English tongue, the manners of the gentleman, and the mien of the scholar. Winning the prize offered by Mr. Malaher, last year, for the greatest progress made in the study of English, Billie has aroused the interest of many persons, both inside and outside the School. A year ago he contributed a poem to the Radio and its excellence so impressed Dr. Wallace of the University that he asked for a copy of the paper that he might retain it. Wm. Mandzuk will no doubt be one of the outstanding members of a race of people who have been happy to make their homes in Alberta.



(3) **DONALD HORN** is another Yankee who came to Canada in search of the "Last Great West." Residing for some time at Hardisty, Donald became interested in the V.S.A. through the efforts of H. W. Scott, District Agriculturist, and came to Vermilion to see what it was all about. Don is likeable, even though he can get away with more tricks than most people—he is especially keen to awaken sleeping classmates by the use of a pin. Being a good judge of the fair sex, he managed to hold the admiration of Mabel, despite the vast difference in their ages.



(4) **DOUGLAS HAY** was wafted down on a north wind from the vicinity of Athabasca, his father being manager of the Co-op. store at Colinton. Douglas has a leaning toward farming, and with the training he has taken advantage of, he should be able to produce good crops on the available land around Colinton. Much interested in hockey, basketball, tennis and in combing his hair, and exclaiming "Gee Whillikins!"



(5) **CHARLES MITCHELL** drove west from Lloydminster district, entering into the school life with interest. A good student, especially interested in carpentry and agronomy work, he has still taken time to cultivate some of the finer arts, and might be seen almost any night making his quiet way to the East Wing, there to discuss the problems of rural life with Fanny, or was it Jenny? Someone has suggested placing a bell with a well-known tinkle on the right young lady as considerable embarrassment has been caused in mixing the twin sisters on visiting night.



(6) **LEE MURRAY** is a city feller with a love for rural life. He plans on farming later in life and felt that V.S.A. offered great opportunity for one with such plans in the back of his head. His contribution to the Orchestra has been much appreciated. Claims to have done more carpentry than any other student, having made 38 pieces for a tool-box cover before getting one to fit. He spent last summer on building construction near Fort Norman and this summer his address will likely be "In care of the H. B. Co.," somewhere up back of beyond.

(5) **HOWARD BENNETT** left Niagara Falls, N.Y., to move to Paradise Valley as the first step on a sublime journey; finding something lacking, he continued his journey to V.S.A., where he has spent two pleasant and profitable years. His favorite stunt is wrecking beds when no one is looking, and his most noteworthy saying is "Chemistry is the bunk!"

(3) **ALEC. HARRIS** joined the two-in-ones and is keeping well up in the bunch; paying little attention to the girls, Alec has plugged hard and the results of his labors are apparent in his marks. An Englishman by birth, he forsook the old land to investigate the new and seems well satisfied to settle down and carve a home for himself out of the materials provided by Nature. We wish him the best of luck as he undertakes the pioneering plan on which he has set his heart.

(1) **HAROLD WEBB** spent his first first term at V.S.A. as a Town boy, boarding outside the dormitory. The life around the School had a great appeal to him, however, and he found a room inside for his second term. As a member of the "Hicks" basketball five, he has become a familiar figure in the gym. and has kept his weight within bounds, so that when he goes back to the land at Clover Bar he will be able to turn out bright and early in the morning to start the day's work.

(6) **LLOYD McGHAN** has been alternating years at V.S.A. with his brother, and finishes first by virtue of being the older of the two. They are engaged in farming, with their father, at Clover Bar, and Lloyd will be able to show Dad a wrinkle or two when he returns to his home. His best work has been done in the blacksmith shop, where he spends a good deal of overtime. Living in town, rather than in the dormitory, he has not had a favorable chance with the other boys in his attentions to the girls.

(4) **WILLIAM CAMPBELL** advertises Fairview as his home town and has a decided bent for aviation. He has been a splendid student, winning one of the major scholarships in 1928-29; his outside interest is the study of "Roses," in which he exhibits a healthy growth of knowledge. Of splendid stature, he has been a bulwark of strength in the gymnasium, where he plays as keenly as he works in his classes. He will be a student long remembered by his classmates and we will watch his future progress with interest.

(2) **HAROLD WIGHTMAN** was first rocked in a cradle in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and came west to Westlock some years later. He is engaged in farming in that prosperous district and will put his knowledge, gained at the V.S.A. into practice there after closing takes place. The Challengers basketball team has been strengthened by his help and he has made many friendships which we hope will be renewed each year at re-union time.





(1)
JACQUES CHANTREAU

arrived at Vermilion, Alta., direct from Paris, France, in the fall of 1928, fresh from the French army and imbued with a desire to make his own little home in the West. On conclusion of his first year at the School he worked for the summer and early fall on a farm north of town and, deciding that this was the life for him, he returned to complete his course. His white sweater was often to be seen in and about the girls' wing and Chantreau was sure to be in the sweater when its location was as stated above. We hope he will make a success of farming in Alberta.

(2)
LEONARD FREDERKING

has had a place on the V.S.A. hockey team for the two years in which he has been in attendance and his later efforts show promise of his becoming a star. He could be heard holding post-mortems on games played previously and giving it as his opinion that "We will surely win the next time." As he returns to his farm in the Bruderheim district we hope that he pursues his work with the same zeal that he has shown on the silver sheet.

(3)
JOHN SULIMA

represents Radway Centre in his year and has also been a member of the hockey team during the 1929-30 season, playing a good brand of the national game. John has been particularly interested in the practical end of the course as given at the School and will no doubt give good account of himself when he undertakes the tilling of the soil on his own behalf. Good luck to him in the years that are to come.

The U.S.A. Alumni Association

By Wm. A. Ross, President

FREQUENTLY, during the past term, I have been asked, "What is the Alumni Association and for just what does it stand?" The issue of the Year Book presents a fitting opportunity to answer those sympathetic questioners and at the same time it affords occasion to recite, in some detail, the story of the Alumni Association and its place in relation to the School.

The objects of the Association as they were conceived are as follows: To hold a summer re-union, a rallying point, so to speak, around which former students are drawn with the opportunity of renewing former friendships of student days and of keeping up the contact with the School, its staff and their work.

To publish the Radio, once each month as soon as possible, maintaining the paper with the assistance from the general fund. The bringing about of an extension library at the School is also in the minds of those who guide the destinies of the Alumni, and it is hoped that the V. S. A. library may thus be made accessible to those who have acquired a taste for reading while attending the winter courses, and to others in the country who recognize the advantages that are offered through reading sound material.

The formation of an experimental union and the holding of an annual seed fair and industrial exhibit is a further proposed plan, and the co-operation of all ex-students is desired in order to further the plan and bring it into fruition in the not far distant future.

All Alumni Association members are asked to advise the School as to the whereabouts of former students so that their addresses may be filed for reference and so that information concerning the activities of the school may be sent them.

Graduates are asked to foster public opinion in their own communities and to point out, when deemed advisable, the work that is being accomplished by the training institution, so that the expenditure of public funds, when made on such schools, may be readily understood by the rank and file of the people. With the expected growth of the School of Agriculture it will undoubtedly be necessary that still further monies be advanced by the Government for the adequate provision of facilities, and if the work accomplished is made known to the electors in the Province there will be less proneness to complain regarding such expenditure. Welcome honest criticism at all times, refuting unfair comments where possible or advisable.

The Alumni members may encourage attendance at the School by demonstrating that they, as products of the institution, have benefitted by the training so as to be more useful as members of their districts than if such training had not been available to them.

Early in 1915 the V. S. A. Alumni Association was formed by the first graduating class, whose members drafted the Constitution and set out the aims and objects of the Association. A reunion has been held each summer since that date, and the Radio has been published regularly, except in 1923 and 1924, when the school was closed. During the fall of 1925, the doors were again thrown open for the reception of students, and the Alumni again took up the job of serving those who passed through the various courses.

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STUDENTS AND STAFF



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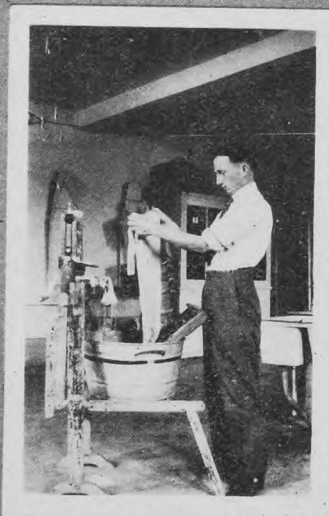
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Lucky Old Samson



Grub Butcher.



Ping Kee's "Rival"



Home Ties



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The Dramatic Club

ANOTHER term in the history of V.S.A. has come to an end, but not without its achievements, for at the very beginning it was deemed necessary to form a Dramatic Club at this School. We were very fortunate in having with us Mrs. Horning, who had had a little previous knowledge of amateur dramatics, and in whom we found a very enthusiastic and hard-working "coach."

The first play under the auspices of the newly formed Dramatic Club was staged on the last night of the Christmas term, when "The Dress Rehearsal" was enacted before the critical eyes of the student body and staff.

The caste included: Fanny Edgson as Nancy, the heroine; Kathleen Mainwaring as Agnes, the friend; Jenny Edgson was the black servant, Lucy; and Dorothy Heatherington was Miss Sophronica Cavendish. Wesley Plummer took the part of Tom Travers, the hero; and Ed. Swindlehurst took the part of Dick Dundar.

Nancy and her friends decide to put on a play the night that Tom is expected home, but Tom returns a day sooner so as to surprise his fiancée, but he is himself surprised to find her speaking in terms of love over the phone. Now it happened that one of the actors could not turn up and so Nancy had arranged to rehearse that part over the phone and that was the critical moment that Tom entered the room. Agnes, and then Dick, are to be seen wandering all over the house, repeating their parts, oblivious of Tom's presence, and Tom believes he is learning more of the plot that has taken place in his absence. Miss Sophronica Cavendish is also rather confused and tries to tell Tom, but only makes matters worse. Lucy, the black servant girl, is kept occupied answering the phone, and her antics and language in doing so help to keep the audience amused.

Such is the predicament that the young people find themselves in and from which they finally extricate themselves.

Owing to the great success of "The Dress Rehearsal," there were many more enthusiasts after Christmas. It was then decided to stage a three-act play on March 15th, entitled "When a Feller Needs a Friend."

The caste for the latter was as follows:

TOM DENKER, our hero, and the biggest liar in the play (Ed. Swindlehurst)
 ELAINE, the heroine, another deceiver (Mary Applegate)
 UNCLE WILL DENKER "always tried to do his best" (Percy Howe)
 AUNT ALICE, encloses a cheque whenever she writes (Olive Howe)
 ANGELA SCOTT, who baked the hard biscuits (Netta Stephen)
 LIZOBEL HIGGINS, the beautiful "Jane" (Dorothy Hetherington)
 BING DICKSON, the tough guy (Bill Maschmeyer)
 DR. JERRY SMITH, who turns up in a sheet ("Samson")
 MRS. REESE, who had all the bills to pay (Olinda Drozdowich)
 BOB MILLS, stole the dog's milk ("Wallie")
 TIDDLUMS, the inoffensive dog (Dismal Desmond)
 THE CARPET, that always told the truth.
 POLLY, who did all the squawking.

To this list must be added Harry Kerr, our energetic stage



Top—Mrs. Horning ("Coach"); W. H. Kerr, Stage Manager; Marjorie Brooks, and Mabel Gould, understudies.
 Bottom—S. Johnson, Olive Howe, Mary Applegate, P. Howe, Dorothy Hetherington, and E. Swindlehurst.

manager, and those understudies who were ready at any moment to take the part of any person if, through misfortune, they were at the last moment unable to turn up.

In the play, Tom loves Elaine, but Tom is supposed to be

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Standing—E. Swindlehurst, T. Beckett.
Seated—Miss M. Maire, A. Platt (Chairman), Miss E. Wilson.

Activities of the Year

THE winter term of 1929 and 1930 has been an eventful one, insofar as activities within the School are concerned. A tiny mumps germ decided to enter the School in November last and he rapidly made friends(?) among the students and staff, without any very noticeable preference in proportion to their respective numbers; so much so, in fact, that about one-third of the residents in the dormitory spent something like twenty-one days, each, in close association with him.

The usual annual Sports Day was held in the grounds of the local Agricultural Society, early in the term, and some of the sprinters were given an opportunity to show their speed.

The House League for Basketeers was organized early in the term, with the Gymnasium Committee in charge, and many interesting and exciting games have been played. Unfortunately the League has not been altogether completed at the time the Yearbook goes to press and we are, therefore, not in a position to give the final results.

The Wiebe Hockey Trophy, won at considerable exercise of the hockey team during the last school year, has been defended during the year by the squad composed of Robt. Johnston (capt.) Frank Mead (goal), Tom Beckett and Gordon Ogston (defence), Harry Scraba (centre) with John Sulima, Len. Frederking, Clarence Cranston, Roland Therrien and Art Stanton playing alternately on the forward line. Although the boys put up sev-

eral merry scraps, they seemed to lack the punch to score very heavily and finally saw the silver cup slip through their fingers to the Town contestants. Inter-class hockey flourished to a greater extent than during the past year or two, but was interrupted by warm weather which spoiled the ice on the "College" rink.

The Third Year, becoming more hungry than usual, challenged the far-famed Staff hockey team to a game, with a turkey dinner, to be cooked by the losers, as the plum; on a warm Saturday afternoon the opposing line-ups took their places, eager for the fray. Fifty-five minutes later the entire dozen men were taken from the ice in a state of utter exhaustion, after having played to a 3-3 draw. Numerous accidents occurred during the game, including the scoring of three goals by each team. Not one of the players being able to play again during the year, it was decided that the Staff members, who had not so contributed to the entertainment of the spectators, would meet the five unscathed gladiators from the Third Year in the gymnasium for a game of basketball. The enthusiasm of the Matrics. seemed to have vanished, however, owing, it is said, to the shortness of the family purse, and the game has not been played.

Notable among the events of the term was the bringing in of outside speakers, under the auspices of the Versatile Club, an organization formed two years ago, and which has done much to raise the standard of information that is given the students outside their actual classes.

The debate between the Vermilion High School and the School of Agriculture took place on the evening of March 7th, at which time Miss Netta Stephen and Mr. Cecil Warner upheld the negative of the resolution, "Resolved that Public Ownership of Utilities is of greater benefit to the consuming public than is Private Ownership," losing to the High School team by a narrow margin. More than four hundred persons formed the audience, and thoroughly enjoyed the debate and the enjoyable programme provided by the V.S.A. students.

Looking back over the year, we recall with pleasure the visit of Hon. Dr. Egbert, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, who paid a



EXECUTIVE OF VERSATILE CLUB

C. Johnson, W. Ross, B. Kiernan, Mr. Baker, E. Swindlehurst, Mr. Edgar

visit to the School in November. During the course of his visit he addressed a large gathering of students and district people and was entertained at a reception in the girls' wing at the conclusion of the evening. In connection with his address, a splendid programme of musical numbers was arranged and the programme was released over the air by members of the University Radio Broadcasting Station Staff. Listeners-in from many points in the province have since written in to tell of the enjoyment received from the broadcast.

Dr. Robert Wallace and Dean E. A. Howes, of the University of Alberta, paid a visit to V.S.A. early in March and spoke to the students in the interests of the University. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to know that a good many of our students plan on attendance at Varsity and it is expected that they will give a good account of themselves.

The masquerade, stunt night and entertainments to the High School students featured the social enterprises of the year, all being much enjoyed. Large public dances, as we are usually familiar with them, were not often held during the session, owing to the unfortunate mumps epidemic which somewhat disturbed the life of the School in the early weeks of the term.

THE MATRICULATION CLASS IN 1945

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tendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm, had stopped long enough at Westlock to dig up the M.L.A. for the district, who was none other than Arnold Platt, of debating fame at V.S.A. The road from Westlock to Vermilion had been covered in less than



HOUSE LEAGUE CAPTAINS—(Standing) E. W. Cormack, Staff Rep. on Committee; L. Murray, W. Durda, Miss O. Howe, H. Hamilton, B. Robertson, R. Bacon. (Seated) R. Bendixon, Miss A. Walker, C. Cranston, Miss E. Rowswell, C. Mitchell. (On Floor) Miss H. Triska, Miss E. Wilson.



1929-1930 HOCKEY TEAM
Standing—T. Becket, R. Johnston (Capt.), C. Cranston, J. E. Edgar (Mgr.)
R. Therrien, G. Ogston, A. Stanton.
Seated—J. Sulima, H. Hamilton, L. Frederking.

six hours, and, needless to say, tongues clicked merrily in rehashing the old days and their most notable occurrences.

After the newcomers had greeted the former members of the class who had arrived by train, the suggestion of lunch caused a dash up the road toward the dormitory. Outside the main entrance stood a dusty Ford and with some difficulty the driver was extricating himself from under a pile of bags, bales and parcels which appeared to contain something in the nature of plant life. Sure enough, the driver of the tired-looking bus was Ed. Barber, Weed Inspector for the Vermilion district, who, passing through Vermilion, had learned of the re-union and had decided to drop in and say "Hello" to the boys, and the girls, of the old brigade.

Dinner being announced, there began a great tramping and surging towards the food emporium, when all were startled by the sound of an approaching aeroplane which was circling the grounds as if in search of a suitable landing-place. The football field being the best in sight, the 'plane swooped down with a roar and after taxi-ing across towards the new shops, came to a stop. Out popped Vince Durda, who had chartered the 'plane and the driver, Bill Campbell, to hurry from Clairmont to join in the get-together at old V.S.A.

The crowd was now complete; joyously old doings and old sayings were brought up, discussed with much laughter and tossed aside for some new topic. Geometry, algebra, literature, the college dances, the happenings of the years in between . . . all received their share of comment . . . as also did the most excellent repast that had been provided by the same old kitchen of fifteen years ago, Percy Cross still being the commander-in-chief.

The Cattle Show

By DEAN E. A. HOWES

WHILE there is no intention of writing at length about the genesis of the agricultural society, a few items of an historical nature should prove of interest, and will also serve to lead up to the subject proper. If we consider the agricultural society in a rather broad general way, we shall have to confess that the story will lead back to a period about which history is rather silent. Following the general break-up of the manorial system in England, and the development of a system of enclosure, as it was called, people began to think in what might pass for scientific terms of the various problems of agriculture, and to discuss ways and means for the improvement of practice. We may be fairly sure that they met in groups for the purpose of these discussions, and that in all probability they formed clubs, or societies, in the interest of agricultural progress. This assumption is not wholly based upon conjecture, but is so far removed from the immediate purpose of our story that it is only mentioned by way of introduction.

The history of formal agricultural societies in English-speaking countries begins with the incorporation of the Dublin Society in 1749, for the avowed purpose of "improving husbandry and other arts"; this society had the honor of being among the earliest in Europe. The Highland Society of Scotland was incorporated in 1787, while in England a Board of Agriculture was established in 1793. There were agricultural societies organized in some of the Atlantic states quite early in their history.

Nova Scotia claims the first agricultural society for Canada, the one organized in 1789, but Quebec also registers a claim upon the same year, an old record being brought forward as evidence to show that a society was formed under the patronage of Lord Dorchester, on January 6th of that year. Ontario comes along shortly after with its earliest record of organization, in 1792. There is, however, no purpose here of preparing any blue-book of Canadian societies, it is enough to register the statement that these societies were the earliest manifestations of organized agriculture in Canada, and that to them we owe all that we have in the present system of technical agriculture in the Dominion, that is to say, we regard them as foundational.

There is a great temptation to delve more deeply into the history of agricultural societies and to make comment thereon, but only one comment must be allowed; that the early societies stressed the need for newer and better agricultural implements and offered prizes for inventions. Times have changed it would appear, for in this day people are not lacking who would favor a closed season on new things, until they could consolidate their gains.

The foregoing is offered as a sketchy story of what led up to our local exhibition as staged by the local agricultural society. The agricultural society for our county had been organized in 1844 and the first fair had been held the following year. A history of our county contains a full list of executives, and gives the names of the crop viewers, judges for plowing matches and judges for "horses, horned cattle, sheep and hogs, butter, cheese, and cloth." This history contains the following note: "In 1874 only five classes of articles were exhibited in the ladies' department; coverlets, woollen counterpanes, two pairs wool mitts, two pairs wool socks, and woollen shawl. In 1894, forty-five classes

of articles were exhibited, and in the other classes there was a corresponding increase. In 1883 there were but 82 members; in 1894 there were 236."

It is doubtful if many of the farmers knew much about this history, even if they were interested in the fair, or, as we called it, the "Cattle Show." This term, now almost obsolete in Canada, was brought over from the old land, it was quite patent as one looks back that while the county fair was always well patronized by exhibitors and visitors, little thought was given to the few directing minds that made the annual event possible. This condition is familiar in most undertakings that involve the enrolment of a fairly large membership; there is an unequal division of labor, a cleavage that reminds us of the farmer's willing team of horses—one willing to do the work, and the other willing to let him do it. There truly is something to be said for the importance of minorities in most events of public enterprise.

Our fair-ground once occupied a piece of land well within the local town limits, and was by way of being surrounded by town dwellings, when it was decided to dispose of the property, and to move to a larger area at the outskirts of the town. The old fair-ground was no doubt looked upon as quite commodious and ambitious in conception, when the society staged its first fair. It once seemed sufficiently imposing and decidedly impressive to a country lad, who had looked forward longingly to the trip to the Cattle Show, and who wandered about somewhat dazed by the crowd, and by the accumulation of noises, familiar as to detail but not as to volume. Should this cryptic comment not be clear to those who are not initiate, it may be explained that while the boy was quite familiar with horses whinnying, cattle lowing, sheep bleating, hogs squealing and cocks crowing, having lived within reach of these sounds all his days, yet the grand chorus furnished by the large aggregation of farm animals at the show carried the thrill of the unfamiliar. The animals on exhibition were ranged along the board fence that was built to keep out non-paying guests, and there they would remain during the day, with the exception of the horses that were called to judgment in a ring formed by a one-rail fence. According to a custom that still prevails, the soil products and the home exhibits were housed in what we called by the comprehensive name of the Main Building. Sometimes the poultry rose to exclusiveness by occupying a corner of this building, but if other exhibits required more space, the birds were relegated to a corner of the grounds. Sometimes another corner of the grounds would be occupied by machinery, but this was not accorded the prominence it once held because of need, nor the prominence it now holds because of active business competition.

At first the fair extended over but one day, the exhibits being brought along by the whole family in the morning, and taken home at the close of the crowded day. When the period was lengthened to two days, it was for the purpose of assembling a large proportion of the exhibits during the first day, even to the extent of bringing in some of the live stock, although this was not generally favored when shelter was lacking. The smaller exhibits were brought in the farm wagon, and along with butter, preserves, apples, and fancy work, might be included the company of a couple of sheep and a crate or two of poultry in the rear of the vehicle box; sheep and swine were always hauled to the grounds even if a second wagon had to be pressed into service, or a second trip made. The horses and cattle came on foot and while the former could be led behind the wagon or buggy, the



cattle could not be handled so easily, unless broken to lead, and for this there was little time or inclination on the farm. Upon arrival, the cattle were tied along one side of the fence, the sheep and swine penned along another, while the horses, with the exception of stallions, formed a line of their own. When the wagons had discharged their contents, they were often forced outside the grounds for yard space, lest they should take up room that was badly needed. The arrangements of exhibits in the main building was about the same as that observed today, only now there is generally more room and better light. The crowd was distinctly rural in its composition, although there was always a fair sprinkling of town people; the business men of the towns have always recognized the value of the fair in their own interests, but also have established a fine record of financial assistance and moral support, that cannot be wholly explained on a basis of cold-blooded business interest. As for the people of the farming community, they came because they had something to exhibit, because some of the neighbors were exhibitors, or because they loved to see, to criticize and to learn, although they would not readily admit the last motive.

It would take the brush of a painter to produce a worthy picture of this interesting concourse of people, always moving and crowding, as they exchanged technical comment mixed with neighborly greetings. It is true that could we behold such a picture now we would be moved to amusement, as we are moved when we examine photographs of an ancient vintage. The ladies wore hats that tended to be flat, and that seemed to be perched somewhat precariously on the top of the head, unless one understood the array of deadly hat-pins; these hats also leaned toward colorful floral display. The dresses, too, were somewhat pronounced, with skirts that swept the ground and sleeves that ballooned in a manner truly formidable. To even matters, it should be said that while the men did not dress in a manner that would look so much out of place today, it was simply because men always have suffered from lack of imagination; nevertheless, they scored when it came to facial decoration, with generous whiskers to tease the wind, or at least a noble mustache, that was of rams-horn or walrus type according to the weather—one writer has said that the mustache of that day was the original cream separator.

Despite all the handicaps mentioned, it must be remembered that we are looking through smoked glasses, just as people are going to look some day at the snaps we now take so pridefully and so frequently, the snaps that we send to our friends presumably as samples of the ultimate. No doubt, the men and women of the '80s were just as conceited as the people of today; in any case, they did not suffer from any inferiority complex, so amusement is after all out of place and pity uncalled for—take this from one who knows, one who as a lad went around taking notice, if not notes.

They had a really good time at that old Cattle Show, and so far as the young men and young ladies were concerned, they behaved as they do today—were just as ridiculous and just as happy. The show was tacitly recognized as a stage for courtship, and so there was displayed to public gaze, all the age-honored "ways of a man with a maid," and if the man spent 50 cents instead of \$5.00, the campaign funds were expended for the same purpose and to the same effect as present-day disbursements. Should some frugal soul wish to know the reason for the lower cost of courting at that time, it may be explained that the

youth did not bring the maiden to the fair, and so saved entry money; that there were no midway performances to attract the girl's fancy; and that if she did finally steer him to a booth, the copper or the 5-cent piece were the units of barter instead of the 10-cent piece or the quarter. Many a gallant put in a perfectly jolly day with the lady of his choice without buying more than a glass of lemonade, a bag of peanuts, and six sticks of "latire," which was the French name for molasses candy—gum was not sold over the counter because it could be obtained only from the spruce tree and was used only at home or at school. The lovers of today need feel no sense of superiority; they are seeking and probably obtaining just the same old amount of pleasure, but paying more for it, even when present money values and conditions are considered.

The exhibits in the main building were just as interesting as those to be seen at present-day fairs, but some points of difference may be noted as the following imperfect list is submitted. In the soil products, it must be admitted that quality was often sacrificed for size. The present dinky little table pumpkins would have been laughed to scorn, for one of the most popular exhibits would be a mammoth pumpkin or a gigantic squash, either almost too big to shake hands across. The same predilection for size was to be seen in the potatoes, and in the beets, carrots, parsnips, and onions; while today we associate quality with that which is medium in the matter of size, and coarseness with that which appears overgrown, the exhibits were then often judged according to displacement of show space. In seeds, the main exhibits were wheat, oats, buckwheat, and timothy, and for the most part there was small knowledge of the technique that would now be made in the case of one man, of whom it was said that he spent deemed necessary to a successful showing. Exception must be all of one winter hand-picking, seed by seed, to procure a sack of wheat for show, and that he showed the same wheat for five years at least, a sure-fire repeater that might well have been named Old Faithful. Sheaf grain was not much in evidence, but yellow, eight-rowed Indian corn was given a place commensurate with its importance as a field crop. As to fruit, the apple occupied most of the area allotted, and the varieties most common were St. Lawrence, Fameuse, Wealthy, Duchess and Russett; part of this exhibit seemed to be a grim upholder of the law, who paced slowly, forward and back, before the apple bench.

Among the display of farm-home products, bread in loaves and "pans," along with biscuits and buns, occupied no mean position, and this collection or rather the detailed judgments connected with it, furnished material for ardent, not to say heated, discussion for many weeks afterwards. Butter and home-made cheeses also called for rather serious judgment; the factory cheeses were judged in a separate class. As to preserves and pickles, it always seemed to some of us that it must have been easy to get judges for this class—any of us would have been willing to serve.

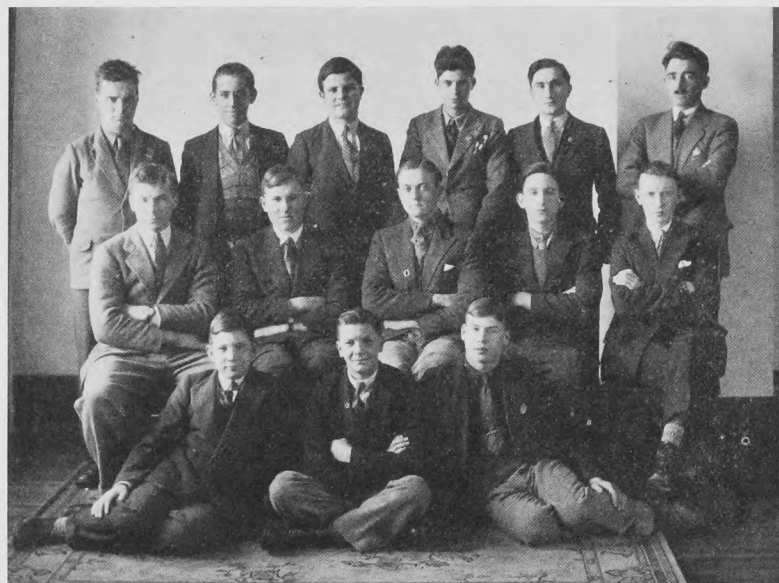
Leaving the exhibits that were eating possibilities, we come to the realm of what was called, curiously enough, the "fancy work." There was always a great display of knitted goods, not scarfs and pullovers, but thick and serviceable mittens, often striped red and black, or red and white, or sturdy socks that could almost had stood alone; pity it is that so much that is flimsy and fleeting in the shape of machine-made goods could put the old home-made mittens and socks almost into the discard.

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ORCHESTRA

Standing—R. Daeley, E. Swindlehurst. Seated—G. Clay, Miss V. Anderson, N. Martyn.



BRITISH BOYS—(Standing) J. Thom, D. MacDougall, J. Scott, I. MacLean, I. Hamilton, W. D. Gentleman. (Seated) E. Handley, J. Hacking, E. Prodgors, O. Dumbreck, T. D. Williams. (On Floor) R. Waddell, M. Reid, J. Galbraith.

Where Are They Now?

We give herewith the present locations of some of our former staff members and students, in the hope that those who have passed through the School may gain considerable interest in those members of the Alumni of the Vermilion School of Agriculture who are making their own place in a larger sphere of life than the classroom.

Miss Marjorie Alexander, now Mrs. Max B. Palmer, is living in Hamburg, Germany, where Mr. Palmer is Assistant Trade Commissioner. They are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter, born in November, 1929.

Mr. W. G. Malaher is to be found at the London, England, offices of the Canadian National Railways, where he is engaged in colonization work for that organization. He will be remembered as the Dean of residence during the first year of operation of the Dormitory, and as the genial instructor in English and Mathematics of previous years.

Mr. W. R. Brown, former Science instructor, is at present taking post graduate work at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Miss Ferne Edwards is working toward the acquisition of her degree at Manitoba Agricultural College at Winnipeg.

Mr. Perrie, who taught Third Year during the 1928-29 session, is at present studying Theology at Knox College, Toronto.

Miss Beatrice Williams is teaching grade work at King Edward School, Edmonton.

Miss Mildred Bell, now the wife of Dr. W. W. Bell, resides in Vermilion, where the Doctor is engaged in the practice of his profession.

Mr. J. F. Andrew is living in Edmonton, to which city he moved recently on his promotion to the position as Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Alberta.

Miss Letitia Reid, matron of the Dormitory last year, is at her home in Swift Current, Sask., and rumor has it that she is shortly to be one of the principals is a most interesting event.

Mr. Eric Hale, the boy from India, who was Editor of the Yearbook in 1928-29, is now engaged in office work with the C. Gordon Lumber Co., at Vegreville, Alberta.

Mr. Donald Rivet, who came to the School with the British Boys a few years ago, is with the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Youngstown, Alta.

Mr. E. R. Gibson is engaged in farming at Winterburn, and expresses himself as well satisfied with prospects for the future. He has been back several times to speak to the students about mountain climbing.

Miss Ellen Walker and **Miss Grace Shandriuk** are entered as student nurses at the University Hospital, Edmonton, and are reported as being well fitted for their task.

Messrs. Bill Mead, Jack Milligan, Eric Horton, Walter Stone are attending the University of Alberta, Bill Mead having recently made the trip for inter-collegiate hockey into the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Mr. Jack Hopkins, who graduated from V. S. A. in the spring of 1926, secured his degree in Agriculture at Varsity last spring, and is now engaged in work toward the completion of his Master's degree. He capped a brilliant University course by winning the Governor General's Gold Medal and the Vallee French prize.

Ronald Green, British boy, 1926-27, is at present in South America, where he is engaged in work in connection with one of the large oil companies.

George Garland is holding down a good position with A. E. Kaiser, wholesale merchant in Vermilion.

Miss Jean MacSporran, of Chauvin, and well known to many of our graduates, had a very narrow escape from death, recently, in a fire which destroyed a number of buildings in the town of Chauvin.

Paul Syrotuck, graduate of 1928, is now in Detroit, Mich., taking a course in some phase of mechanical engineering.

Miss Mabel Flaade, **Donna Oxford** and **Gunda Gunderson** were welcomed back to V.S.A. for the winter of 1929-30 when they engaged to assist Miss Storey in caring for the well-being of the student body.

Mr. Peter Yyllie, of Ford car vs. locomotive fame, is in British Columbia.

Miss Gladys Brockie is married and resides in Grande Prairie. Having heard so much of the Peace River country, she has decided to learn all about it, first-hand.

Messrs. Wm. Suddaby is farming at Lavoy, while the **Vanden Dolder** boys are proving that big outfits are the best method of farming successfully at Islay, Alberta.

Gaylord Taylor and **Bill Craig** are also engaged in tilling the soil, the former at Unity and the latter at Lone Rock, Sask.

Donald Yeabsley was a recent visitor to the School, being on a visit from Winterburn to **Clare White** at Clandonald.

Eric Broadhurst, of the same class, has blossomed into a salesman for one of the larger oil firms and has been over most of the world's inhabited surface since entering that occupation.

Godfrey Gower, another former British class student, is preparing for the ministry, in Winnipeg.

Pearl and Ruby Richardson are living in Vegreville, their father and other members of the family have moved to Vancouver, B.C., to which metropolis they plan on going in the future.

Miss Elsie Plummer, of Lloydminster, was a welcome visitor at the opening of the school in January.

Anita Ricker lives at Ryley, **Effie Johnson**, at Lamont, and **Elma Gudlaugson**, our only girl-boy student, so far is making her home in the Peace River country, which has lately been described by Mr. Dixon (well-known as a staunch pioneer and supporter of that beauty spot) as "God's own country, with the D——'s own people."

Mr. Tom Pulton spent last summer on the farm of Mr. Robt. Wilson at Vegreville, later going to New York, where he has been engaged in business with an uncle. He is expected back to Alberta, however, where he plans to purchase and operate a farm of some size.

Miss Margaret (Biddie) O'Brien is studying music in Victoria, B.C., and may be expected to delight radio audiences in the future.

Gordon Archer, of Lamont, is attending the University at Edmonton and we will guarantee that he is enjoying himself, even though he may not be taking away more than his share of the knowledge which permeates the air around that august place of learning.

Jimmy Sharpe is farming near Edmonton and invites all comers to visit him and partake of a good meal, of his own cooking. He says the porridge pot is always on the stove and all are welcome.



RADIO AND LITERARY COMMITTEES—(Standing) C. Johnson, B. Kiernan, P. Howe, H. Hamilton. (Seated) A. Stanton, Miss J. Edgson, Miss E. Pearce, G. Cooper.



SOCIAL, ATHLETIC AND GYMNASIUM COMMITTEES
Standing—L. Murray, G. Ogston, E. Johnson, R. Bacon, W. Plummer, D. Falkins, S. Watson.
Seated—Miss O. Melnyk, F. Mead, Misses K. Mainwaring, A. Walker, A. Anderson, M. Dixon.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
Miss Kathleen Mainwaring, Mr. Oscar Simpson, Mr. Percy Howe.

The School Fair

PERHAPS there is no form of extension work carried on in connection with the School of Agriculture that has the same bond-forming facility with the people of the rural sections of the province as the conduct of School Fairs throughout the Vermilion, Edmonton, and Peace River districts, under the direction of members of the staff of the Vermilion School. At the present time there are some forty such fairs in operation and others are in prospect of organization.

On this page appears a cut of three scholarship winners in the persons of Miss Kathleen Mainwaring, Mr. Oscar Simpson and Mr. Percy Howe, all of whom are first year students and the first named two having won their year by virtue of having been the outstanding students in the Scholarship Short Course group during the holding of the School Fair Short Course at the School two years ago. Percy Howe won his scholarship at the annual Young People's Week at the University last summer.

Briefly, School Fairs are carried on as a co-operative effort between the Provincial Departments of Agriculture and Education and the local bodies formed by the association of a number of schools in the project. The government, through these two Departments, provides, free of cost to the children of the schools taking part, seeds for the planting of a good-sized garden, school fair bulletins, which are used as a guide in the preparation of exhibits, supervision in the form of visits to the schools, from time to time, of members of the School of Agriculture staff. In addition to these things, the judges for the fair are provided without charge to the association, entry tags, prize cards and the necessary forms are distributed and the judges take advantage of the opportunity to address the school fair children immediately after the exhibits have been judged, pointing out where errors have occurred and generally offering information and assistance wherever possible.

In each school fair, the girl and boy who stand highest in the number of points won, are granted a free short course of one week's duration and in the summer following the fair the winning children are gathered at the School of Agriculture and the girls take classes in cooking and sewing and physical training, while the boys are engaged in carpentry work, live stock judging, weed seed identification, etc.

Last summer, there were some seventy-five children in attendance at the Vermilion School and on the ringing of the rising bell at 6.30 a.m., the busy day started. After breakfast an hour was allowed for organized play, then class work was carried on for an hour and during the entire day play and work alternated, with occasional periods given for letter writing, etc. In the evening, games were enjoyed until darkness forbade further outdoor activity and the group adjourned to the assembly hall where motion pictures, public speaking, games and stunts were enjoyed until bedtime at 10.00 o'clock. The nightly race between the girls and boys on their turning into bed provided considerable in the way of competition and solved the problem of quieting things down for the night without any more than necessary delay.

On completion of the week's course, short examinations were set and the girls and boys who proved to be the most outstanding in their class work were then considered from the angle of their deportment, the manner in which they entered into sports, etc., and all points being considered, the selection of the yearly Scholarship winners was made by the staff.

In their respective years of attendance at the Short Course, Kathleen Mainwaring and Oscar Simpson were adjudged the winners and hence we find them enjoying the winter's work with this present student body.

We hope to welcome Miss Katie Laskiwski, of Legal, and James Williams, of Bruderheim, in the class entering the School in October, 1930, as they were adjudged the winners of their group when they were present at the 1929 Short Course.

The benefits that are to be derived from the School Fair are many and varied; little stress is laid on the possibility of earning money in the form of prizes; rather, the training and the experience in fitting and showing live stock, preparing and showing exhibits of grains and vegetables, in cooking and in sewing, is made the paramount idea with the children. Besides all these classes, the regular school work, as laid down in the course of studies, receives the major place in the School Fair, hundreds of exhibits of writing, drawing, modelling, etc., being submitted at the fairs each year. The School Inspectors carry on the judging of the school work and assist very materially in this way.

As the students of this School return to their own communities we look to them to interest themselves in the School Fair, in the formation and conduct of Swine Clubs, Demonstration Groups, etc., and to lend what assistance they can to the younger members of the community in the acquiring of knowledge that will stand them in good stead, later in life.

Mitchell: "What is your idea of Heaven, Ed?"

Swindlehurst: "Methuselah's age and Solomon's wives."

Platt (standing on steps without a hat): "I must go and get my hat, I am chilled to the bone."



CLARENCE, THE KOW.

AND THEN WHAT?

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I'd maybe better tell you right away,—I'm staying on the farm, for a while anyway. Dad wants me to stick around and, and—"

"Guess he needs you," helped out Mary.

"Ye—es, but it isn't really that. It's—it's sort of got me, since I came home. I just don't want to quit it. It's a great life, mary."

Mary lowered her head. "You've said it, Jack," she said softly. "Though I was kind of slow to see it, maybe. But, doesn't it seem funny? Here we are where we started,—well, not quite, of course,—but after all, those grand times and opportunities—. It's funny, but it just seems to make you appreciate this sort of thing all the more."

"Perhaps that's what it's for,—partly anyway," suggested Jack softly.

And the robin on the bare branch above them threw back his head in a wild ringing carol of melody and joy,—laughing at the two of them.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we announce to our students and Alumni Members throughout the Province, the death of Miss Dorothy May Burton. Dorothy succumbed to an alliness of several months' duration at the University Hospital, Edmonton, on January 25th, 1930.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burton, of Irma, in their deep loss.

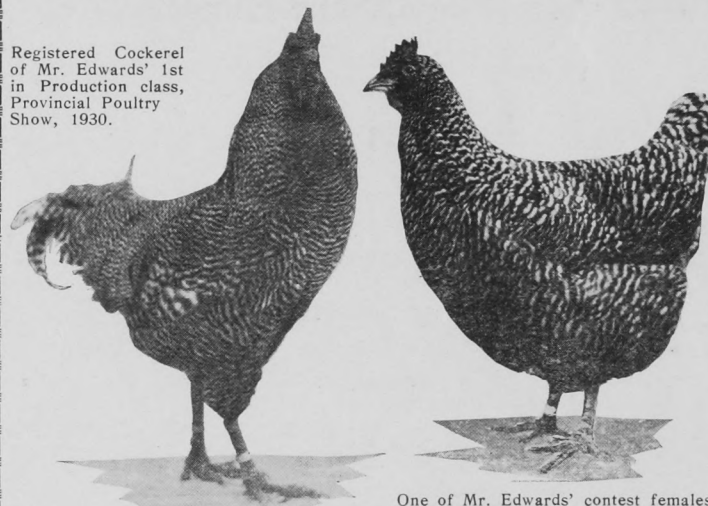
Dorothy will be remembered as one of the most popular girls of the First Year Group in 1928-29, when her winning manner made all staff members and students her sincere friend.

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DEBATING TEAM
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The Debate

Vermilion High School vs. U.S.A.

STUDENTS of more recent years will recall the fine action of the Rev. W. F. Stevens, pastor of St. Saviour's Anglican Church, in Vermilion, when he presented for annual competition the now well-known Debating Cup. Unfortunately Mr. Stevens left Vermilion before the cup arrived and the actual presentation was made on his behalf by Dr. W. W. Bell, local physician.

Upholding the custom of several years, the students of the High School and those of the School of Agriculture held elimination contests and weeded out debaters until they felt that the best representation for platform appearance had been secured; arrangements being completed, the youthful speakers took their respective places on the stage, facing an audience of more than four hundred interested spectators.

The subject chosen for debate, "Resolved that Public Ownership of Utilities is of greater benefit to consumers than Private Ownership," presented unusual possibilities for argument and counter-argument; much material being available in support of and against the resolution, and the debaters were taxed with the

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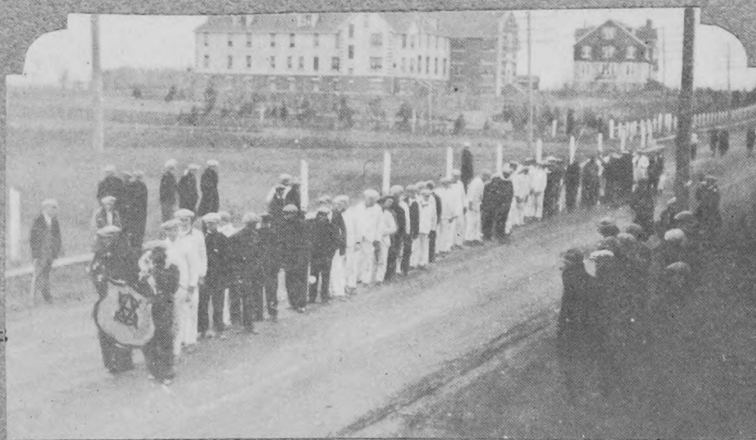
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THE DRAMATIC CLUB

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married to Liz; and Elaine pretends to be the wife of Bob, and at first neither dares to tell the truth. Bing loves Liz but Tom is in the way, and Angela loves Bob but Elaine is in the way. Aunt Alice loved Uncle Will, but she thinks he married an old rival of hers; and Mrs. Reese still loves Ahenobarbus her "poor departed first," in spite of the fact that she has buried no less than two husbands since. Jerry is also in the run for he says he is in love with Angela.

The story is how these lovers finally become united in marriage to their true affinities and the difficulties they have in doing so.

Comical parts we will never forget are when Uncle Will brings in the baby which he declares must be like him and then discovers it to be the dog! Jerry baking the cake, and later Mrs. Reese putting the "lid" on it; Liz describing her honeymoon, and, later, eating her soup.

It is hoped that it will be possible to stage a short play on the last night, entitled "Mix Well and Stir."

It is the hope of all those who took part this year that the V.S.A. Amateur Dramatic Club will become a permanent part of the School life in years to come, and in closing we leave this message to future students that it is up to them to continue and improve what we have begun. It is also our sincere hope that Mrs. Horning will be here next year to carry on her good work.

THE DEBATE

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task of eliminating the superfluous and boiling the subject down to presentable form.

Miss Winnie Gilbert was chosen as the leader of the High School team and was ably assisted by Miss Edith Shields; for the "College," Cecil Warner acted as captain with Miss Netta Stephen as his first-mate. All four speakers being new to the game, their first appearance may be said to have been entirely successful if we look at the essential issue of the debate; that is, the four young speakers faced the crowd of more or less critical listeners and ably demonstrated that they were masters of their minds and their tongues. It is true that some improvement could have been obtained had longer time been available, but all things being considered, their efforts may be said to have been attended with success.

It is impossible to recount their arguments in detail, on this page, but Mr. J. W. G. Morrison, Chairman of the local School Board, who acted as one of the judges, in company with the Rev. H. A. Boyd and Mr. F. C. Richardson, and who rendered the decision at the close of the debate, took advantage of the opportunity of congratulating the young oratory aspirants on their material and on the manner in which it had been presented, mentioning especially Miss Winnie Gilbert, who led the High School team to a victory and to possession, for a year, of the beautiful Stevens Cup.

The students of the High School had prepared some of their yells and were heard to good advantage during the evening and especially when the result was announced; the College students, being also ready with some noise, can hardly be said to have

taken second place in delivering their yells, and the groups vied with each other in a genial interchange of representative yells.

Dr. W. W. Bell, who kindly acted as Chairman of the evening on which the debate was held, presented the cup to Miss Gilbert with remarks that were suitable to the occasion, after which an enjoyable program was carried out by the students of V.S.A., the British boys taking a prominent part.

Our picture of the V.S.A. Debating Team shows Miss Netta Stephen, Mr. Cecil Warner, members of the team, and Mr. Stanley Johnson, who acted as coach and generally assisted the debaters in the preparation of their material.

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THE CATTLE SHOW

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In poultry, there would be hens, ducks, geese and turkeys, with very little that could be described as pure-bred; but even then people were beginning to send away to get settings of eggs that were advertised in a few of the papers. The hens most in vidence were the White Leghorns, with their immense headgear and their yellow legs, but there were some Rocks, and one or two exhibits each of Brahmas and Buff Cochins. It is a fact that a county fair would sound rather flat without the crowing of the roosters, from the shrill call of the spunky little ones to the throaty, croupy declaration of the big fellows with feathers on their legs.

The pigs were white or black according to breed, but in addition there might be classes for cross-breeds or even for those of doubtful derivation. The white pigs were likely Yorkshires, or Chester-Whites, and it seems as if there were flop-eared whites called Suffolks. The blacks were, of course, Berkshires, with their short, blocky bodies and noses constructed on the same principle, but turned abruptly upward in a most intriguing way. There were no red pigs until near the close of the century, when the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa, imported some long-nosed, unorthodox red pigs that were called Tamworths, presumably because they came from the place made famous also by Scott's “Marmion.” Size, not quality, counted when it came to placing the awards in the swine classes; thick smooth type with plenty of size. It would have been ridiculous to advocate marketing pigs that had attained not even two hundred pounds in weight; most of our pork went to the lumber woods and everybody knew that what the shanties called for was mature, responsible pork, that carried a noble percentage of fat.

The sheep were all of the long-wool type, and the breeds represented were Leicester and Cotswold, with the former strongly predominating. The whole exhibit was not a large one, despite the fact that every farm carried a flock; nor was the reason hard to seek. There were very few who cared to take the trouble of handling pure-breeds, and the project was looked upon in just that light. It was so much easier to buy a sire from a neighbor or to trade with him for one and then, as the famous New York alderman said about the proposed gondolas for Central Park, “Just let nature take its course.” It is only too true that, with the exception of comparatively few, little interest was taken in the matter of introducing pure blood, and therefore the showing of pure-bred sheep was all too slim, and the line-up of nondescripts only served to demonstrate the absence of breeding-up tactics. It is only fair to say, however, that there were some fine animals

shown at times, and that the improvement was due to importations from Western Ontario.

The cattle of our district were essentially of the dual-purpose type, and it does not matter which way you spell the first part of this compound word. They were inclined to be leggy, were of necessity good rustlers, and if fed decently would put on a fair amount of flesh. They were also passable milkers considering the opportunity given, but since our records were estimated in terms of pails or portions thereof, it is not much use to discuss these cows as producers. It is quite probable that the milk of many of them would have tested high, but that is only reasonable supposition. The animals shown at the fair were generally in pretty decent condition, because they had behind them a summer of pasture, when good cows were expected to catch up what they had lost during the winter. It was only too often the case that the cattle were brought through the severe winter on the minimum of feed, and cases were known of farmers assisting their cows to rise in the morning, by a lift upon the appendage that nature presumably had provided for the purpose. Ask any old-timer what was meant by “on the lift” and that look of his will mean that he remembers the time when the only straw used for stable bedding was that which was too coarse for even the hungry animals to negotiate. However, in the fall most of the cattle were looking well, and there was always quite a string of them along the fence. The judges were local farmers who had shown a constructive interest in cattle improvement, or local butchers who might have been presumed to understand fleshing, and once it was a High School teacher whose knowledge of animal conformation was presumably gained from a study of figures in bas-relief during his life among the classics; perhaps he made a good job of it as did the others, but this will always be open to question. There was little acquaintance with pure-bred cattle except in the case of occasional sires, so the judges sometimes had little in the way of guidance. It is hard to say what mixture of breeds produced the polyglot of colors which most herds presented: red and white, yellow and white, solid colors, and brindle. There were polled animals also, and nobody knew when or how the horns had been lost. At a guess, one might say that there were traces of Shorthorn, Guernsey, Ayrshire and Quebec Normans, now called French-Canadian; also there may have been some Red Polls brought into the country. It is said that a system of criss-cross breeding is productive of vigor and hardiness—these cattle had such or they never would have reached the Cattle Show.

The real thrill of the show came from the display of horses, for this was still the day of the horse in all his glory, nor did anyone expect to live to see the day when sensible men would debate the comparative merits of the horse and the tractor, to see the day when the gas wagon would almost have relegated the driving horse to the rank of the also-rans. Stallions were first led in the show ring, plunging, rearing, and neighing, led by brave men,—sometimes so brave that they did not hesitate to employ a whip to make their charges still more obstreperous. Next came the younger horses, and after that the mares alone, or mares with colts. The latter class was also productive of mild excitement, when the little chaps got lost, and the matronly old farm mares would cut up quite a disturbance. There would next appear the wonderful “rigs”—single horse and buggy, “two-forty, tail over the dashboard,” or team and buggy; what an opportunity was

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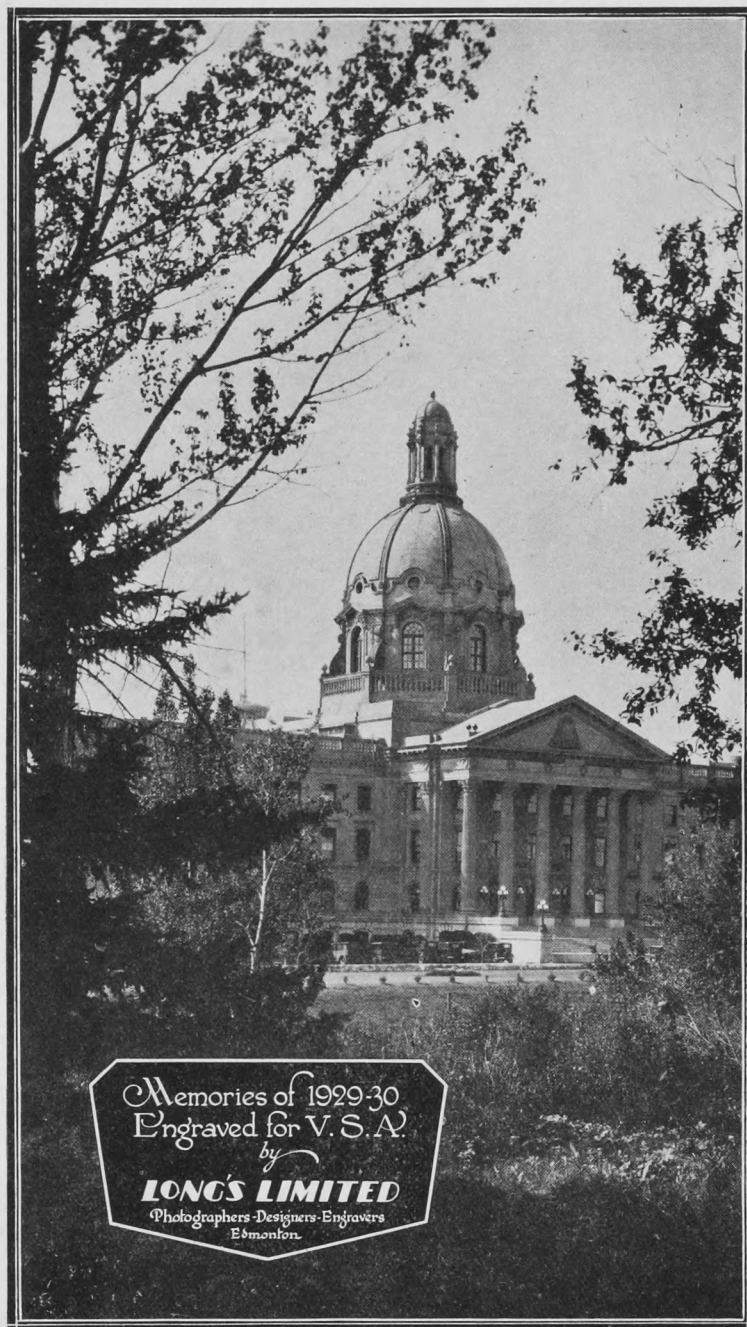
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THE COUNTRY FLOWER GARDEN

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Marigolds, calendulas, old-fashioned mignonette and forget-me-nots with a scattering of portulaca and dainty pansies will complete a beauty spot in the house garden and will entail no great amount of work on the part of the grower. The portulaca will provide a creeping, moss-like carpet, dotted here and there with tiny rose-like blooms while the pansies will perpetuate themselves and will throw out countless blooms that resemble the faces of children, and will gladden the heart of their possessor.

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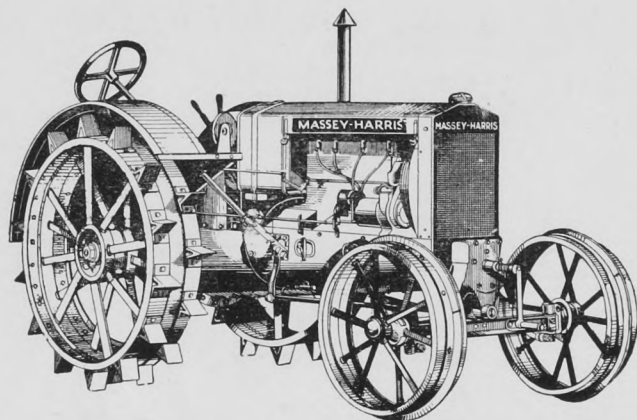
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The stock show proved a revelation to the spectators, with all exhibitors putting up a good showing. Mr. Peter MacCallum, veteran at the game, had previously been of great assistance in giving instruction regarding some of the tricks of the show-ring, in braiding and generally fitting up the stock. The boys apparently absorbed considerable knowledge of the "dolling-up" process and the horses and cattle made a fine appearance in the ring.

Mr. S. G. Carlyle, Live Stock Commissioner for the Province of Alberta, acted as judge, and gave some interesting and enlightening information at the close of the placing of awards in each class.

The grand championship, representative of the best shown animal taken into the ring, was awarded to Charles Mitchell, of Lloydminster, the chief prize being a splendid stockman's cane. The reserve championship was awarded to Wesley Plummer, one of the British boys who came to Canada in the spring of 1929 and who has had steady farming experience until returning to V.S.A. in the fall as a two-in-one student.

The School Library was given over to the young lady students for their exhibits in Millinery, Breadmaking, Darning, Laundry and Cooking. The work shown rivalled that of previous years in excellence of quality and in the numbers of exhibits. A number of ladies from the town of Vermilion acted as judges and, after due consideration, declared the following as winners:

Millinery (First Year) 1st, Netta Stephen; 2nd, Velma Anderson.

(Second Year): 1st, Helen Triska; 2nd, Annie Lindsay.

Breadmaking: 1st, Helen Triska; 2nd, Alma Roy.

Cooking: 1st, Edith Selph; 2nd, Olinda Drozdowich; 3rd, Dorothy Gould.

Laundry: 1st, Bertha Arndt; 2nd, Nancy Ewanchuk; 3rd, Anna Andriuk.

Darning: 1st, Bertha Arndt; 2nd, Kathleen Mainwaring; 3rd, Emma Prochnau.

The prizes in the Millinery section were given through the kindness of Mrs. W. J. Elliott, while the breadmaking awards were made possible through the generosity of Mr. W. R. Wiebe, maker of the well-known Marquis flour, which is manufactured in Vermilion. The prizes for other classes were purchased with money earned by the lady teachers through the sale of ice cream to hungry students.

In the boys' section of the fair were also shown exhibits of Grain, Carpentry and Blacksmithing. More exhibits were shown than previously and the work of the judges was quite heavy.

The Rev. H. A. Boyd, pastor of the United Church in Vermilion, and who was formerly a blacksmith, kindly judged the ironwork, awarding the prizes as follows:

Ironwork: 1st, Wm. Maschmeyer; 2nd, Percy Howe; 3rd, Ivan Foshaug; 4th, Lionel Sand; 5th, Jas. Langille; 6th, Art. Stanton.

In Carpentry the prizes went as follows:

Carpentry: 1st, T. D. Wililams; 2nd, Gordon Ogston; 3rd, Lionel Sand; 4th, Albert Hornby; 5th, Jas. Thom; 6th, Robt. Watson.

The Grain exhibit was very much superior to those of former shows, and the brightly colored ribbons indicated winners as follows:

Wheat: 1st, Percy Howe; 2nd, Thos. Beckett; 3rd, Ray Foster; 4th, Wm. Shelton.

Oats: 1st, John Maire; 2nd, Bernard Sheehan; 3rd, F. Jolly; 4th, Albert Hornby.

Barley: 1st, Gordon Ogston; 2nd, George Smith; 3rd, Cecil Warner; 4th, Jared Turnbull.

On completion of the judging, tea was served to the judges in the apartment with Mrs. Elliott presiding and being assisted by the Misses Storey, Milne and Riis.

Prizes won during the fair were presented before the commencement of the play which had been arranged as the finale of the 1930 Little Royal and, altogether, the day was declared to be an entire success.

THE V.S.A. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Now that the School has maintained a steady growth there should be little difficulty in going forward to greater things than have been hitherto possible. A seed fair and field crops competition are being planned for 1930 and January of 1931, when the actual showing of grain is expected to take place at V. S. A. Such competitions may be of great assistance to us as Alumni members and to agriculture in general, and your co-operation is solicited. Pay your membership dues for the ensuing year, but best of all, let us have your assistance and your moral support, even if you do not contribute the small annual fee.

Emerson has said, "Hitch your wagon to a star," and I ask you to label the Alumni Association your star and to get behind its efforts.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who are eligible for membership (those who have at any time attended the School) to join up and to help in putting the V. S. A. Alumni on the map. The door is even open to those who know the advantages of the institution in which we have a great interest, and who are imbued with the spirit of service as typified in our aims and objects as before mentioned.

A. P. Hunter, graduate of '16. He is a prominent business man and farmer of the Innisfree district.

Frank Woods, a graduate of '27. He is at present at the University of Alberta, taking his third year in the B.Sc. course.

Linden Bolton, '27. He is at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Lacombe and has charge of the bees there. He is intending to continue his studies at the University next fall.

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THE CATTLE SHOW

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there offered for young men to show young ladies what real style meant, and be it said that full advantage was always taken of the opportunity. An old ducky once said:

"De masculines is all alike, wherever dey is found,
Dey strut about and show deir selfs when hens
is flockin' round."

Oh, well, it was a great day, the day of the buggy horse. It is often argued that there were certain advantages offered by a horse and buggy over those offered by the automobile, but such argument between young fellows, and those who do not forget when they were young, is after all just so much indoor sport. The driving horse is going, but the riding horse is even more popular than he was some years ago. So there is still hope for the race—no pun intended. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the heavy horse and the truck or tractor seem to have fairly well settled their differences.

At our show we had both types of light horse, and the heavy horse, and between these an indefinite class called the "general purpose" horse. Of breeds there was no common clearness of knowledge, even if horse talk were the main talk when men foregathered. With us, "thorough-bred" differed only from "pure-bred" in that it was more emphatic; we classified horses as draft, trotter, and race or saddle. There were pioneer Clydesdales and Percherons, and two or three men were regarded as importers by right of established precedent. There was a fair proportion of French-Canadian blood in evidence and there was no one to say that this active hardy breed was not a good breed. Perhaps it is true that we have talked "horse" too much, and perhaps we were not always as expert as we would have liked to be considered, but these are rather common types of human weaknesses; despite it all, it may truthfully be said that a boy, raised without association with a horse, misses a fine influence that nobody can accurately describe to him.

As the day of the Cattle Show drew to its close, the exhibitors began to gather their possessions together. Soon there would be a steady exodus, from the door of the main building and through the big gate, of people carrying away, or driving away, or leading away the various entries with which they had hoped to collect a bit of fleeting fame as a corollary to the gaining of a few colored cards and the prospect of a little cash in premiums. Along with the departing exhibitors, and mixed with them, streamed those who came to see, and to be seen, and who were now leaving the fair-ground, contented with a day well spent so far; many of these made their exit by the turnstile gate, where earlier in the day they could not enter without payment of a quarter or 15 cents, according to age. The older folks and the children would go straight home, as indeed would some who were neither youthful nor old, all depending on whether or not there was anyone else at home to do the milking. Those who were free of duties, and a few who were not, would decide to spend the evening in town, where there was sure to be plenty of excitement—Cattle Show came but once each year.

There were five hotels in the town and considerable drinking would take place, a few not even waiting until the shadows grew long to begin "lighting up." Largely because of the drinking, and partly because of custom and tradition, Cattle Show night

was apparently selected for doing most of the fighting that had to be done during the year. On this night there seemed to occur a sort of annual re-arrangement of the status and classification of those desirous of fistic prowess. There would also be the occasional grudge fight or the instalment of a feud, but we were rather free from these. Some of these fights were frankly brutal but others were harmless from a physical standpoint, and were meant to be just no more than verbal fireworks, followed by the intervention of thirsty peacemakers. Often a bluff would be carried to the limit and, if called, there would be no fight. Once a row started between a couple at the corner hotel: one was an earnest Scotsman, who wanted to settle the question on the bar-room floor, but the other, apparently wanting more room for action, rushed the door, challenging his opponent to a street performance. When the Scotsman reached the street, his expected adversary was more than half-way down the block—and going strong. The latter afterward worked near our place, and used to tell of the time that he ran—well, the mischief—out of Sandy So-and-so. We never questioned his veracity for that would have spoiled our fun. Another chap we knew as a jolly neighbor was once asked, after he had fled ignominiously from a noisy dog, how it came about that he had at one time been regarded as a formidable fighter, and his reply was "There was sand in the whisky, them days."

Speaking of the predilection of our people for fighting. I am reminded of an incident told me in a smelting town in Nevada, by a Glengarry man, himself an athlete of renown west of the Mississippi. It should be explained that fist fights were a rarity in Nevada; a man was supposed to carry his liquor, and if one really desired trouble it would scarcely become manifest in the form of a rough-and-tumble fight. My friend from Glengarry had been favored with a visit by an uncle from the home country, and during the first evening the nephew was taking his saloons there was quite a lot of noise and hilarity, and in one visitor around town to see western night-life. In most of the the crowd appeared to be particularly argumentative. The nephew observed the old man taking off his coat and carrying it on his arm, so he asked the uncle if he found the place too warm. The reply was "No, but it looks as if the fechtin' might soon begin."

The hockey team of 1928-29 is scattered, with **Clarence Boggs** now moving from Daysland to a new location south of Calgary; **Norman Burch** being at Mannville; **Carl Moran** having dropped out of the Third Year owing to illness, and **Bill Elgie** playing hockey with Minburn, this year. **Frank Mead** and **Len Frederking** played for V.S.A. again this season. **Edsell Jones** is at present in training at the Provincial Institute in Calgary, where he is learning some of the fine points of tractor engineering, electricity, welding, etc.

Bill Ross, to Lee Murray: "Say, Lee, is there anything more exasperating than to have a wife who can cook and won't do it?"
"You bet, Bill; it is to have a wife who can't cook and will do it."

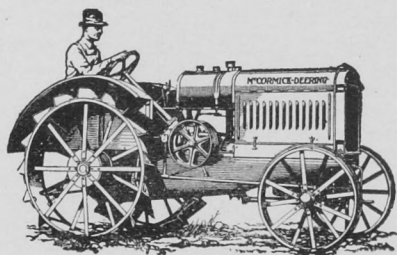
Horner, tuning in radio and feeling a twinge in his shoulder: "I believe I am getting lumbago."

Emily Rowswell: "Never mind that George, I couldn't understand anything the lumbagoans would say, anyway."

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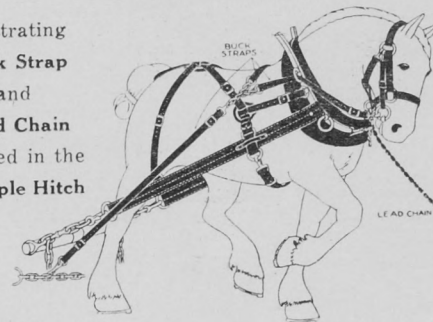
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